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▪ **Together again.** The Class of 1991 gathers around the senior circle to enjoy the courtyard one last time before construction work on a new gymnasium and library begins.

▪ **Queen for a day.** Turkey Queen Frank Cope, special education teacher, escorted by Becky Varnadore, health occupations teacher, takes the traditional victory ride.

▪ **Moving on.** Junior Leslie Rice hurries to take her spot with the other cheerleaders at a special outside pep rally for homecoming.

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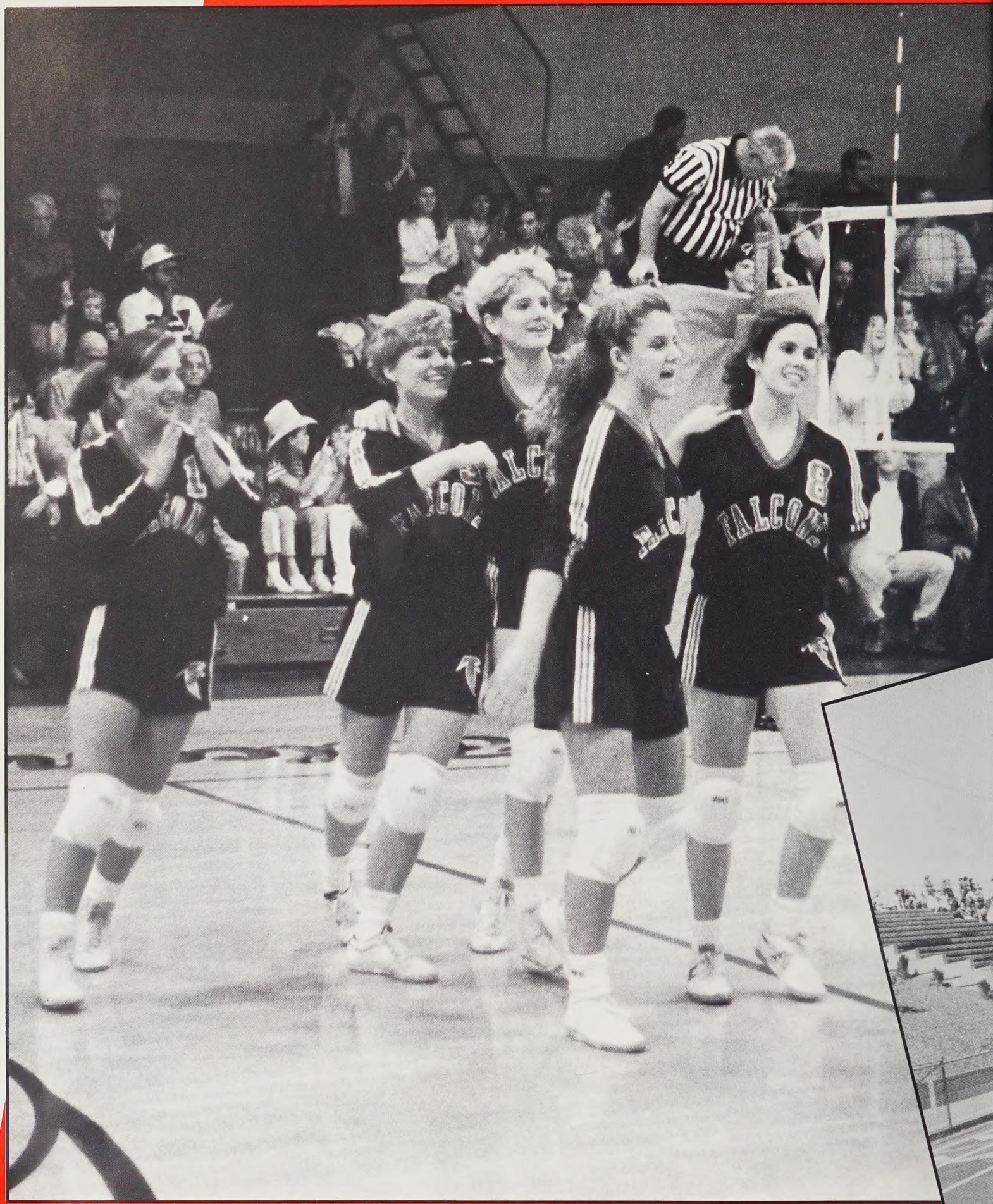

▪ **On their way.** The Lady Falcons congratulate one another after their win over Smoky Mountain in the third round of the volleyball playoffs. The team eventually defeated D.H. Conley to win a second consecutive state title.

▪ **Good spirit.** To show his support for the Falcons, Principal Kohlan Flynn competes for Turkey Queen in the mock homecoming pep rally. Even though she (he) didn't win, she (he) waves to her (his) adoring fans.

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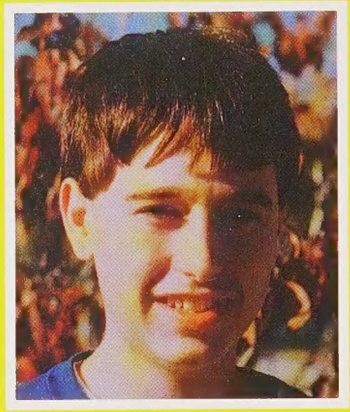
What a year! First, parking stickers, advisory groups, and pink slips welcomed students back to school, and by the end of the first week, students had to memorize the alma mater. Then the Falcons celebrated as the volleyball team won its second consecutive state championship. After the first nine weeks, students on the honor roll or with perfect attendance received passes to go to lunch early. And anxiety and excitement increased during the second semester as the ground breaking marked the beginning of construction and a new look for West Henderson.

at West Henderson

Saving Mills River

In October the United States Congress passed a bill sponsored by Rep. James McClure Clarke to protect a nearby 33-mile stretch of Mills River.

Earlier in the year area residents had been alarmed by an Asheville and Buncombe County plan to dam a section of the Mills River to create a reservoir, a move that would have forced many to move. The river will now be protected for six years as it is studied for a possible "wild and scenic" designation.

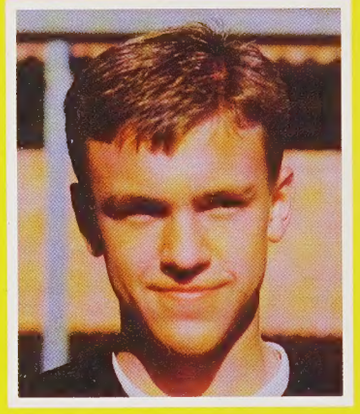


"I was happy when the bill passed because I knew I wouldn't have to move."

Phillip Whitaker

"When the bill passed, I was relieved to find out that I wouldn't lose my home."

Ricky Bryson



▪ **Autumn scene.** Natural beauty prevails along Mills River near the campground on North Mills River Road. Legislation passed in November protected the river from being used for a source of water by Buncombe County.

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Yes, what a year! Education became the community's top priority as citizens voted "yes" to a bond referendum for renovations and construction at West Henderson and other schools. For the first time in 20 years, the county schools had a new superintendent, Dr. Dan G. Lunsford. "The Hangar," a new teen center, livened up weekends. And residents fought the environmental threats of a toxic waste incinerator and a proposed dam on Mills River.

in Henderson County

▪ **Hunting for treasure.** Trick or treating for canned goods with the Key Club, junior Tara Venn collects food from a Fletcher Hills resident. The club collected more than 500 cans.

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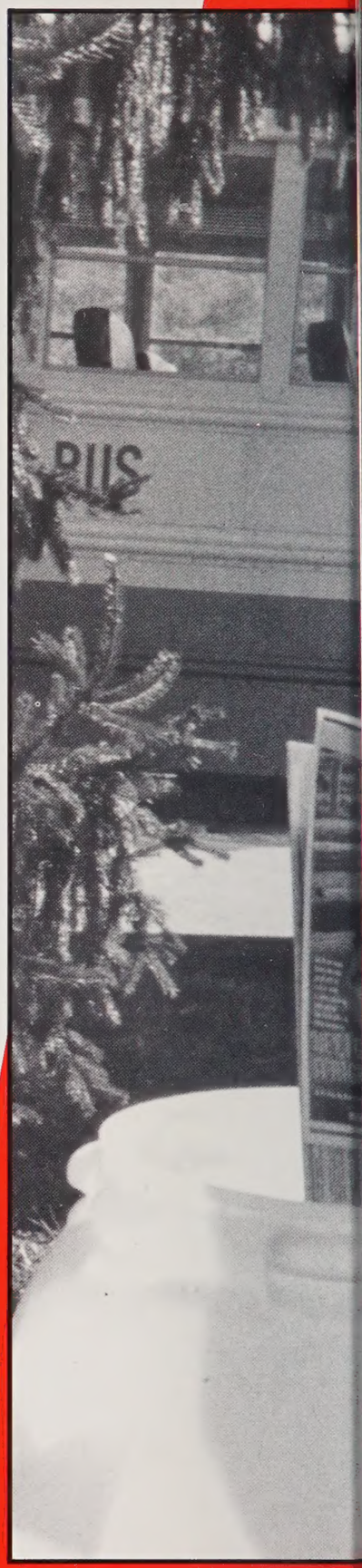
It really was quite a year! Operation Desert Storm, the fall of communism, a deteriorating environment — these global issues affected students. The crisis in the Middle East caused higher gas prices, and some students had to say "good-bye" to friends and family sent to Saudi Arabia. The Key Club handed out yellow ribbons at the Apple Parade to support the troops, and the Nature Club set up recycling barrels to give students a way to help save the environment.



▪ **All aboard.** West Henderson sophomores Tammy Rizzo, Michele Hardy, Eric Dalton, and Christie Thomas load a bus at the end of the day. High gas prices created problems for the county schools, resulting in shortened bus routes, and for juniors and seniors who drove cars to school.

• **Pitching in.** With tons and tons of garbage accumulating in landfills, solid waste became a serious threat to the environment. Senior Jennifer Bell does her part by recycling old newspapers. The Nature Club set up recycling barrels on campus to make recycling convenient.

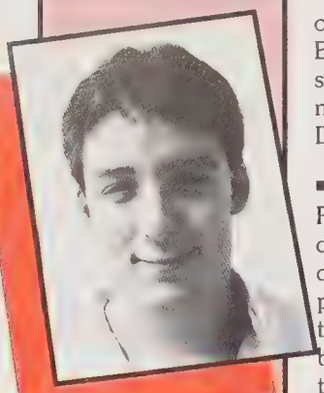
in the world

Spirited times

Between the "big" events like homecoming, the junior-senior prom, and graduation, football games in the courtyard during lunch, pep rallies before big games, Christmas vacations, and spring break get-aways kept the Falcons' spirits high. Personal experiences, such as getting a driver's license, finding a job, scoring well on the SAT, winning an important contest, or being accepted into college, made students' lives exciting. School was not only a time for studying hard and making good grades; for West Henderson students it was also a time to enjoy very special friendships. And even in the stressful times of semester tests and deadlines and the disappointing times of unaccomplished goals and tough losses, most Falcons found the determination and pride to keep the spirit alive.

ONE life to live

▪ **Number "1."** Varsity football players Gabe Mathews, Kevin Rhodes, Jamie Frady, Scott Lyda, Brian Kisner, and Jay Young demonstrate their Falcon spirit at an outdoor pep rally before the homecoming game. Pep rallies throughout the year gave students the opportunity to show their support for West Henderson's athletic teams.



ONE for the book

"The best thing about the prom was seeing people you wouldn't picture in tuxes and dresses."

Shane Neill

▪ **Time out.** On prom night at Deer Park on the Biltmore Estate, senior Jennifer Bell hurries to reload her camera so that she will not miss capturing unforgettable moments with her friends and date, Kenzie Driggers.

▪ **Dancing the night away.** Senior Lori Rice shows senior Tanya Smith a new dance step called the "electric slide." A disk jockey from KISS F.M. radio station provided the music for prom night. Due to scheduling conflicts, the prom had to be held on a Friday night, instead of the traditional Saturday night.

▪ **The time of their lives.** Taking a break from dancing, seniors Chad Murphy, Jolie Jenkins, Krista Marshall, and Monica Byrd discuss the evening's activities. The dance at Deer Park was followed by a number of all-night private parties. Other couples went out to eat an early breakfast before going home.

Friday

— but not the usual

Following the tradition of the past 10 years, the 1990 junior-senior prom took place at Deer Park on the Biltmore Estate. However, there was one major difference.

The prom was held on a Friday night, instead of the usual Saturday night, causing a number of problems for students who had hair and make-up appointments, last minute alterations, cars to wash, and errands to complete. By sixth period, classes with juniors and seniors seemed "empty." "My tux didn't come in until the day of the prom, and when I got half-way home with it, I noticed the zipper was broke," senior **Tracy Worley** said. By the time he got his tuxedo fixed, Worley was late picking up his date.

▪ **You don't say!** Prom-goers Danny Morgan and Tammy Southerland stop to talk to their friend Joseph Guice. One of the biggest attractions of the dance was the opportunity it provided students to spend time with friends.

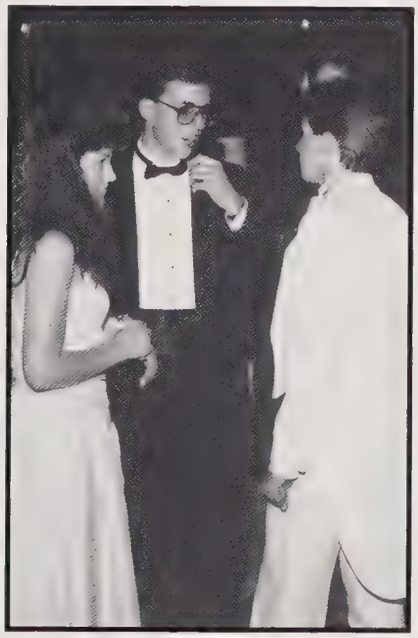
"I enjoyed going to the prom. I especially liked being with my friends and the party afterwards."

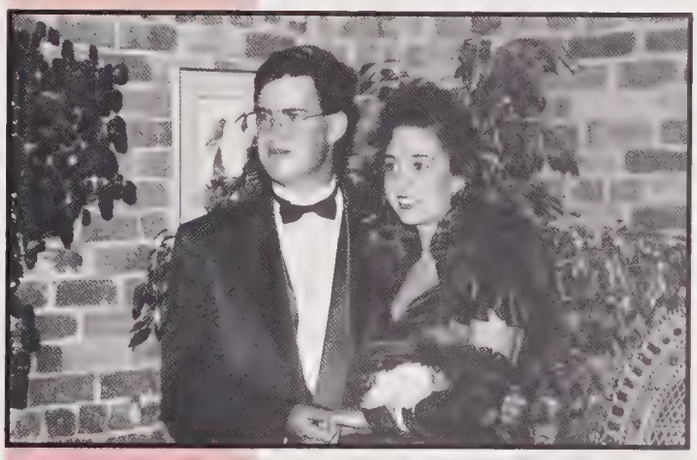
Scott Lyda

After spending, in some cases, hours on getting ready, it was finally time to leave for dinner and the dance. Senior **Claudine Dills** said, "I went to get my hair done, and that took about an hour and a half. Then I spent another half hour putting on my make-up."

Most prom-goers went out to dinner before making an entrance at Deer Park. The Poseidon in East Asheville was one of the more popular restaurants. "I went to the Poseidon to eat because that's where everyone else was going, even though the food wasn't that great," senior **Brian Kisner** said. Other popular restaurants included the Grove Park Inn and Steak and Ale in Asheville.

A disk jockey from KISS F.M. provided music for the prom. Many students danced, some just watched, but almost everyone said they had fun. "The prom was fun because I got to be with my friends and my boyfriend," senior **Heidi Schermerhorn** said.





▪ **A touch of class.** On their way into the prom, Daniel Wankel and Laura Letterman pose for a quick picture. For more than a decade, West Henderson's students have enjoyed prom night at Deer Park on the Biltmore Estate.

Practice

for the real thing

On May 30, the junior marshals led the graduating Class of 1990 into the auditorium for the awards assembly as the underclassmen stood for the last time in the seniors' honor.

By being a part of the ceremony, the junior marshals got a feel for what it is like to be a senior at West Henderson. **Laura Letterman**, one of the junior marshals, said, "Actually being in cap and gown and feeling the anticipation and excitement on the field graduation night and in the auditorium gave me a real feeling for and an excitement towards being a senior."

The junior marshals included the top ten people in West Henderson's junior class. **Christina Moore**, another of the junior marshals, said, "Yes, I knew I was one of the top ten students in the junior class, so I thought I would be a junior marshal because this is how they select you."

> "It was exciting to be a junior marshal, but also a responsibility for we had to work hard."
>
> **Amy Pressley**

Each junior marshal received a medal in the awards assembly, but they had to work to get it. For instance, they had to help decorate the auditorium for the awards assembly and the football field for the commencement exercises.

The graduation ceremony took place on Johnson Field as it traditionally does. Each graduating senior received his diploma as he walked across the stage. The junior marshals, led by Kristi McClung, chief marshal, led the graduates down the track and into their places before the ceremony and out of the stadium after it was over.

▪ **A last good-bye.** A senior from the Class of 1990, Brandi Allison, shares a moment of joy and sadness with a friend after the graduation ceremony.

▪ **Honor Block.** FRONT ROW: Paige Price, Terri Gruca, Daphne Blackwell SECOND ROW: Eddie Bingham, Jamie Burkholder, Daniel Thornton, Mike Howard BACK ROW: Kelly Thelen, Nancy West, Denise Moore, Carolyn Whiteside, Joy Partin.

▪ **All smiles.** Seniors Angel Jackson and Jeff Webb clown around before the 1990 commencement exercises on Johnson Field. The seniors lined up along the walkway in front of X-building before marching down the hill onto the track so the ceremony could begin.

▪ **Free at last.** After accepting her diploma from Superintendent Glenn Marlow, senior Tonya Eubanks returns to her spot with the Class of 1990. West Henderson's graduation ceremony was one of Marlow's last official duties before he retired in July.

▪ **Junior Marshals.** FRONT ROW: Amy Pressley, Kelley Marlowe, Kristi McClung, chief marshal, Laura Letterman SECOND ROW: Stephen Merrell, Kevin Carland, Scott Rehm BACK ROW: Christina Moore, Christina Planck, Josie Youngblood.

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"The best thing about being a junior marshal was I got to get out of class to practice with the seniors."

Kevin Carland

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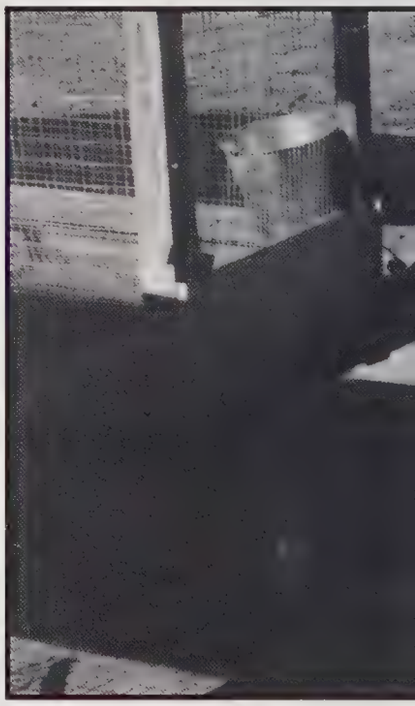
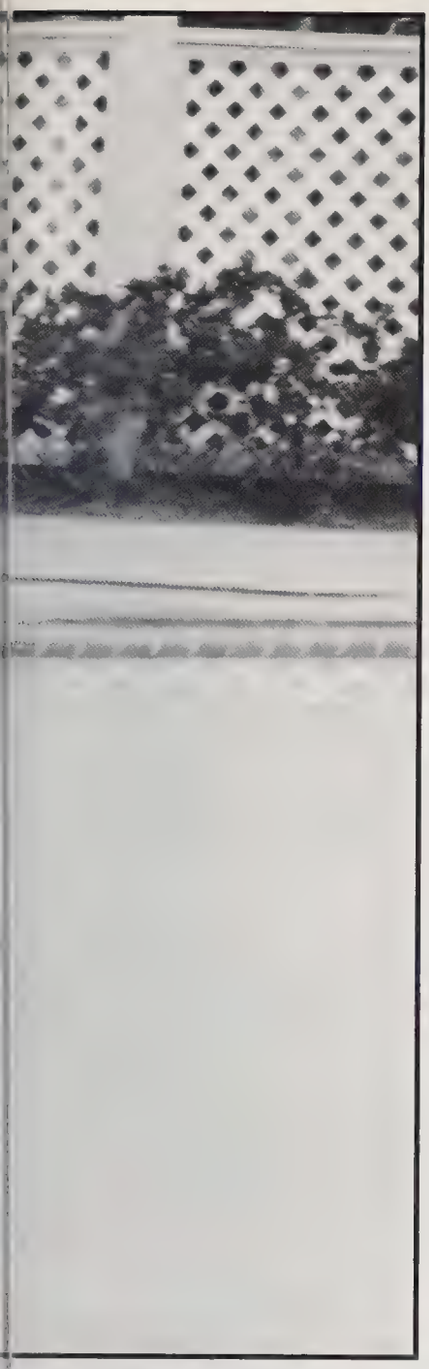
"Europe was great. It was cool being in a totally different culture and not knowing what anyone was saying."

Laura Shoemaker

▪ **Feeling the heat.** Hawaii was senior Heather Huntley's summer vacation destination. After being in the sun too long, she has to stay indoors to recover from her sunburn. Huntley and her family spent a week on the islands.



▪ **Puppy love.** On a Mills River farm, West Henderson senior Scott Lanning and junior Lisa McKenzie spend a summer afternoon outdoors together. Some playful puppies provided the entertainment for their time together.



Summer

— escape from it all

Day after day and week after week of routine finally came to an end on June 2 — school was out for the summer. But many students just traded in the routine of school for the routine of a full-time summer job. "I worked all summer at the Hendersonville Country Club as a lifeguard. I met a lot of people, but I also got to work with some of my old friends from school," senior **Jennifer Bell** said.

Students who spent their summer working part-time jobs also missed having time to relax and lie in the sun. "Working at T.L. Tulips this summer helped me earn some spending money, but I didn't get to spend as much time with my friends as I would have liked. It was a fun experience, and I learned to have a lot more responsibility," junior **Kim Wilson** said.

▪ **Making waves.** Cooling off after a day in the sun, seniors Candace Dills and Stacy Tuttle relax in the pool. They spent a week of their summer vacation in Atlanta.

"To be able to graduate and not be left behind, I had to spend three long hours a day taking English."

William Deaver

While some students were at home soaking up the rays, others had the opportunity to travel. Senior **Karri Meibers** said visiting Europe was a fun experience: "I got to meet different kinds of people and lots of new friends, but the only bad thing about it was that there were too many people and it was very dirty."

A few students spent their time in school. Summer school was an option for students who needed to repeat a subject, to make up absences, or to get in an extra course. "I went to summer school to free up a class for this year. It wasn't the greatest way to spend my summer but the labs were fun and it was well worth my time," **Shannon Stover**, a junior, said.

However students spent their summer, the time away from school was a needed change. "I look forward to summer from almost the beginning of school. I only wish it never had to end," sophomore **Carrie Medley** said.

▪ **Head first.** Senior Jolie Jenkins practices her diving at her neighbor's, Mary Smith's, swimming pool. Jenkins, a member of West Henderson's state champion volleyball team, spent most of her summer in and around the water.

■ **A victorious night.** Homecoming Queen Candace Dills takes her ride around the stadium with bouquets of flowers in each arm. Dills is the daughter of Curtis Dills of Atlanta and Susan Love of Fletcher. During her senior year, she was involved in Key Club, Nature Club, and cheerleading. After graduation she planned to attend college at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and major in psychology.

■ **Senior Homecoming Court.** Laura Shoemaker, escorted by David Waechter; Candace Dills, escorted by Micha Thornburg; Jana Gardner, escorted by Tracy Worley; Claudine Dills, escorted by Trey Fritts; Lori Rice, escorted by Ch Edwards.

One unforgettable night

Ladies and gentlemen, our 1990 homecoming queen is **Miss Candace Dills**," senior **Jolie Jenkins** announced on Oct. 5 during halftime at West Henderson's football game against Asheville. It was a cold and windy night for the girls on the court as they walked slowly onto the field, waiting to hear their names announced.

"I felt excited, nervous and honored all at the same time, but I enjoyed myself. My escort made me laugh, so I felt better," sophomore **Carrie Medley** said. The big moment finally arrived when Dills was crowned: "When my name was announced, I couldn't believe it. It was something I could never think would ever happen to me," she said.

Homecoming meant different things to different people. To some it meant time with their friends and to others it was a time to cheer for their favorite senior on the court. "It's traditional, and the school wouldn't be the same without it. It is also chauvinistic because the women are the only ones that have to put themselves up for rejection," **Stephanie Beck**, a junior, said.

After the game some Falcons ended the night at the traditional homecoming dance.

> "I felt very honored and important to be chosen as an escort for homecoming."
>
> **John Lyda**

▪ **Long wait.** The 1989 homecoming queen, Carol Turner, helps junior escorts Elisa Jarrin and Candace McDowell onto the field while the announcer pauses before reading the name of the 1990 queen.

Underclassmen court. Kisha Dowell, sophomore, escorted by John Lyda; Carrie Medley, sophomore, escorted by William Deaver; Leslie Rice, junior, escorted by Robert Turner; Paige Greene, junior, escorted by Deryll Saxon; April Gibson, junior, escorted by Alan Tate.

▪ **Winning smile.** Escorted by Michael Thornburg, senior Candace Dills expresses her surprise at being named homecoming queen.

Won
in the spirit

Pep rallies meant different things to the students at West Henderson. For some they were a way to show their school spirit. Sophomore **Mark Gibson** said, "Pep rallies are really fun, but they just don't last long enough." For others pep rallies were a way to get ready before a game. "I like them because they get you psyched up before a game and make you feel like everybody is behind you," junior **Brian Williams** said.

Cheerleaders showed their support by leading the student body in cheers. One of these was the spirit cry between the seniors, juniors, and sophomores to determine which class was the loudest and had the most spirit. The seniors usually prevailed. "Pep rallies are good because they attempt to get the school involved and raise interest in the game," senior cheerleader **Stacy Tuttle** said.

The band also participated in pep rallies. They played songs, including the fight song, to encourage the teams. Senior **Jason Hill** said, "I feel that pep rallies give everyone a chance to support the athletic department."

The West Henderson "Big Bird" mascot was at every pep rally. The mascot, senior **Wes Crawford** said, "I like being the Falcon in the pep rallies. I think I helped spread the school spirit around West."

"I really enjoyed seeing the faculty involved and not afraid of embarrassing themselves."
Melissa Metcalf

▪ **Greetings.** The student body watches as the football players, including Franklin Darity and Brian Williams, are met by Big Bird Wes Crawford.

▪ **The Falcon strut.** At pep rallies, Big Bird (senior Wes Crawford) encourages the student body to yell louder during the spirit cry competition.

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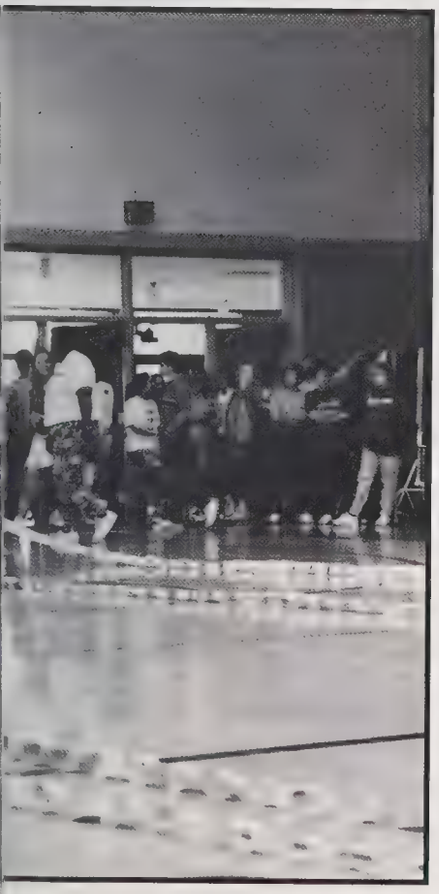
"I think pep rallies are a lot of fun because we get to show our school spirit and support the sports teams."

Danny Lee



▪ **The chain gang.** Members of the Key Club stretch out the spirit chains to see which class had the most spirit. The seniors won by buying the most links. Key Club used the money for a service project.

▪ **Standing tall.** The varsity cheerleaders greet the football team members as they enter the gym for the first pep rally of the year. The cheerleaders were responsible for planning the pep rallies.

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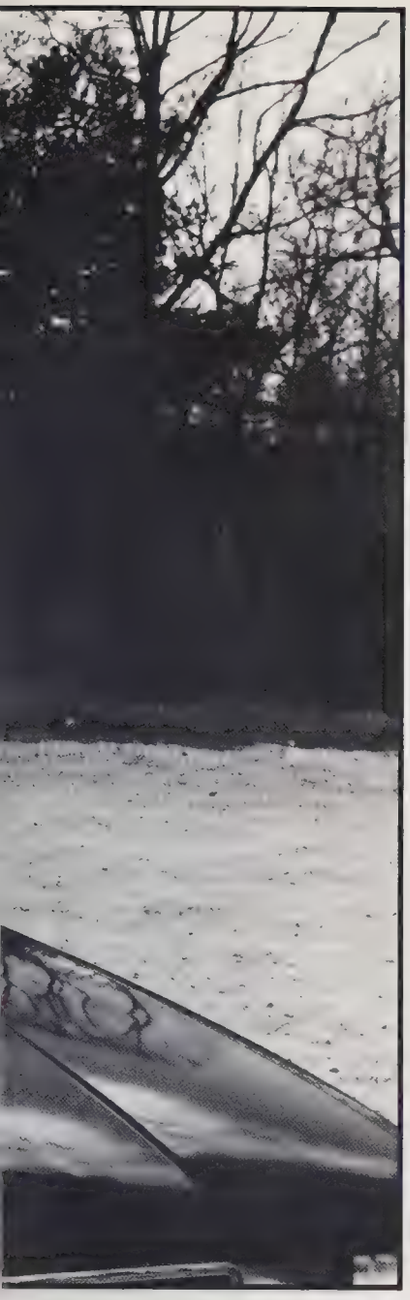
"Without friends my life would be really boring. I wouldn't have anybody to talk to or hang out with."

Steven Watson

▪ **"The Posse."** During a break between classes, seniors Josie Youngblood, Brenda Orris, Kelly Redick, Heidi Schermerhorn, and Claudine Dills quickly plan their next outing. This group could always be seen together.

▪ **Horsing around.** Down in the junior parking lot, Rusty Gregg, Duncan Trussell, and Tim Busbee let out their pent-up energy from a day of sitting in classes. The faculty's "time on task" emphasis made some classes seem endless.



Friends

once and forever

Having friends is a part of every student's life, and everyone has his own definition of what a true friend is. Sophomore **Kim Stanley** said,"A friend is someone that is a good listener and is always there and who can give me good advice." Most students have many friends, but some have been able to keep one close friend through most of their school years. "Brian Kisner and I have been friends since we were born. Our families have always been close, so we're kind of attached," senior **Jody Foyles** said.

While some students have been friends for years, other friendships didn't begin until they were already in high school. Once people become friends in high school, there doesn't seem to be that much changing going on. Senior **Jana Gardner** said, "I've pretty much had the same friend since tenth grade because once I got that old I could tell she would stay with me through all of my good and bad times." Junior **Chris Parker** said, "I have been around a lot of people, but I'd say I've been pretty close to my friend Adam since sixth grade."

Most students have friends who are of the same sex, while some have special friendships with members of the opposite sex. Sophomore **Shann Davis** said, "My friend Stephanie and I have been friends for years. We live next door to each other and fight a lot, but we're still close."

It didn't matter if students had been friends for years or a couple months, whether they were the same sex or not, having friends was important to everyone.

> "My friends mean a lot to me. I would do anything for a true friend, and I hope they would do the same for me."
> **Angie Lanning**

▪ **Shared laughter.** Wasting a little time before going home, junior friends Leslie Rice and Alisa Powell share a private joke from their day.

▪ **Working toether.** Senior friends Jody Foyles, Ricky Bryson, and Christina Moore help with a Key Club project at the Carl Sandburg Home in Flat Rock. The club helped light candles for an open house.

▪ **In tune.** On a Saturday night in the fall, seniors Susan Ray and Karen Gasperson try out some musical equipment at Gasperson's sister's house. Ray and Gasperson had been best friends since junior high school.

Freedom

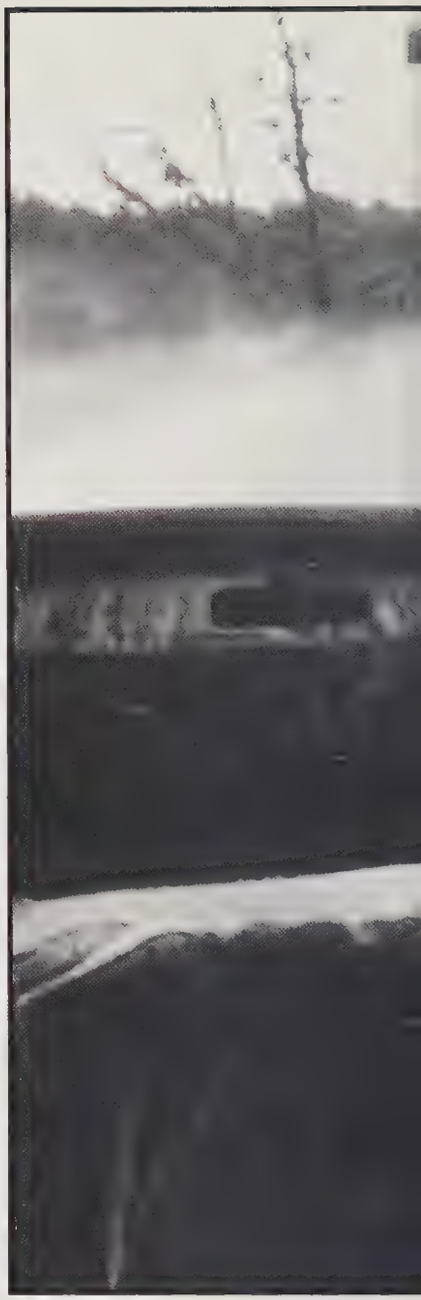
– the heartbeat of America

Over the summer and throughout the year, the sophomores could be seen in a small waiting room. This room was full of chairs and a snack machine. Women with blank looks on their faces called out the students' names from a big yellow pad. Where were these sophomores? They were at the Department of Motor Vehicles, DMV for short. "While sitting in the DMV, I was very nervous, and I didn't know what to expect. I just knew that I would fail the written test, but I didn't, and when I had to name the twelve road signs, I panicked, but luckily I got them all," sophomore **Holly Chapman** said.

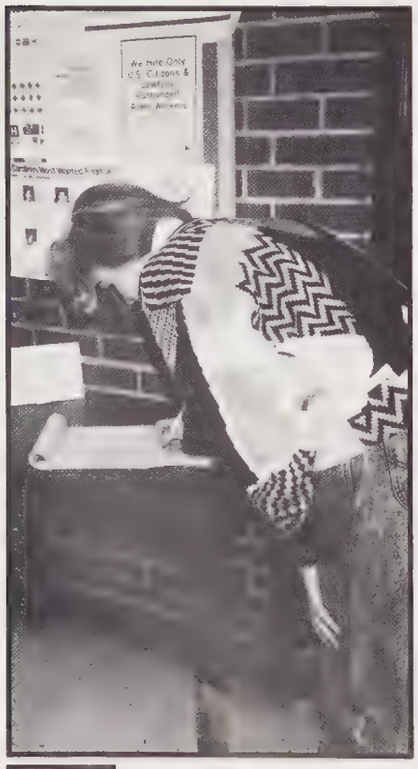
At some point during the year, the driver's education course was required before sophomores got a chance to go to the DMV to get a learner's permit or license. Sophomore **Melissa Webb** said, "I was thrilled to be finished with driver's ed. It was good to get it over with so I didn't have to waste the rest of my time, since I took it in the summer."

For most sophomore drivers "freedom and responsibility" came with getting a car. Sophomore **John Lyda** said, "When I got my new 1990 red Camaro, I had so much more freedom, and I was able to do what I pleased. I felt like a completely different person." "Getting my license has given me more responsibility and freedom to choose where I go without depending on someone else. It has also proven to my parents that I can be a responsible adult," sophomore **Amy Peters** said.

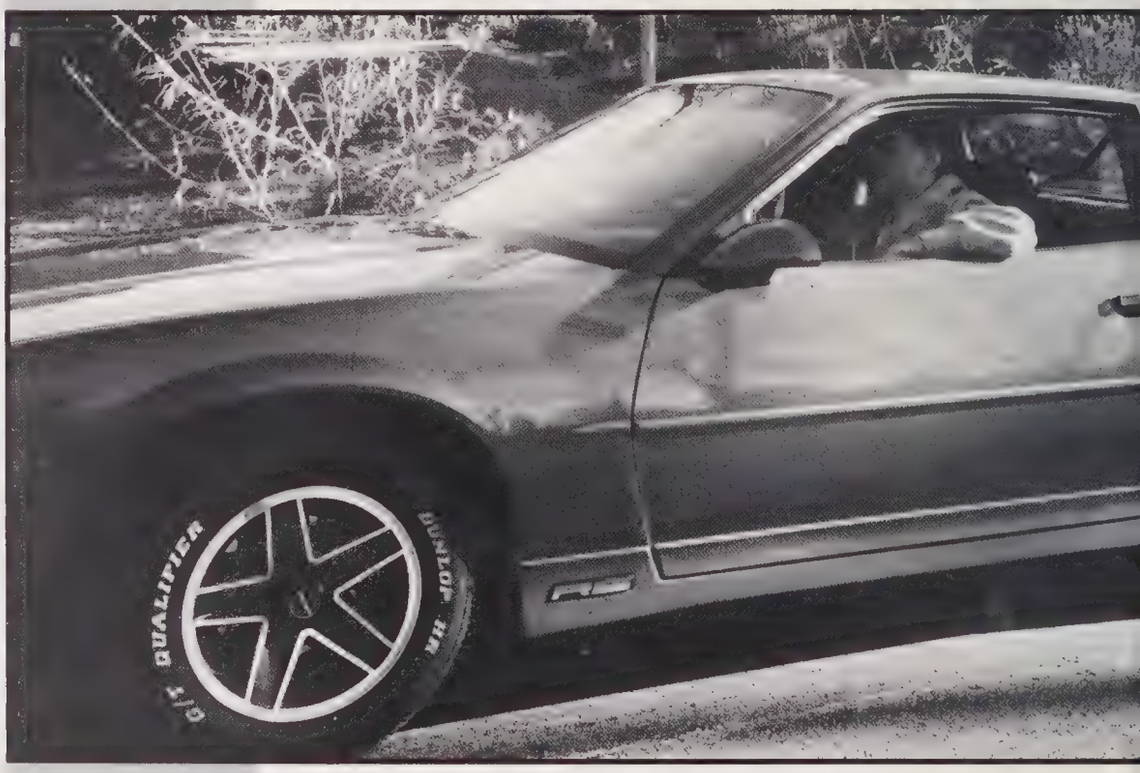
"Having a license determines my freedom to go where I want to, when I want to, and with anyone I choose."
Brent Maynor

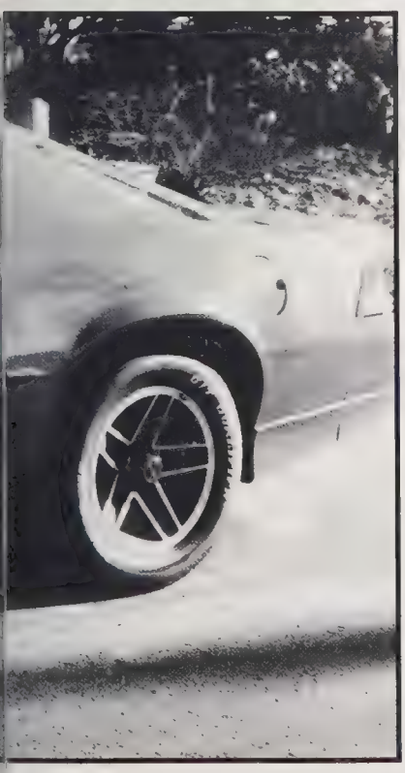


▪ **Soap box.** Washing her red Mustang regularly is a high priority for sophomore Carrie Medley. Medley got her driver's license in early October.



▪ **Sign me up.** Sophomore Tracy Warren puts her name on the legal pad outside the DMV office so she can wait her turn to take the test to get her permit.





▪ **Along for the ride.** While getting the feel of his new red Camaro, sophomore Shane Cook takes a spin around his neighborhood. Cook got his license in July before school started.

▪ **Let me in.** To complete his driving time in the driver's education car, sophomore Jamie Frady prepares to drive for his last time. Frady later went to the DMV to get his permit.

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"Going into debt for your first car is a mistake. For me it meant getting two jobs and giving up extra time."

Jerome Wilkie

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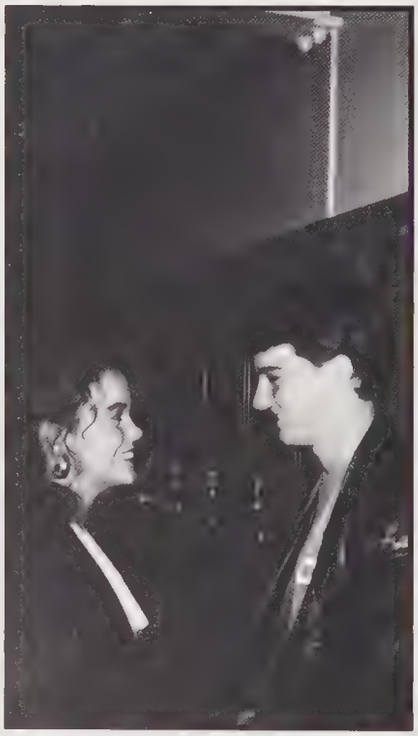
"I liked being in a relationship for a long time, but now that I'm not I like spending time with my friends."
Leslie Rice

▪ **Making it last.** Seniors Wes Thomas and Wendy Parker say their good-byes before leaving school and going to work. Thomas and Parker started dating when they were in the ninth grade and planned to get married following graduation.

▪ **Sharing a thought.** Before the 8:15 bell rings, senior Chuck Bratu and junior Janie Lee Love spend a moment talking before going to first period. With the weekend coming up, they discuss plans to spend time with each other.



▪ **'Just the two of us.'** Not even the tardy bell keeps junior Donna Wilson and senior Brad Welch from stealing a second together in the hall between classes. The couple began dating when school started.

True love

sealed with a kiss

Students in high school sometimes realized that what they once thought was "puppy love" could turn out to be something a little more serious. "When I started dating Amy I thought we would stay together for a while, but I never thought it would last this long," sophomore **David Gass** said.

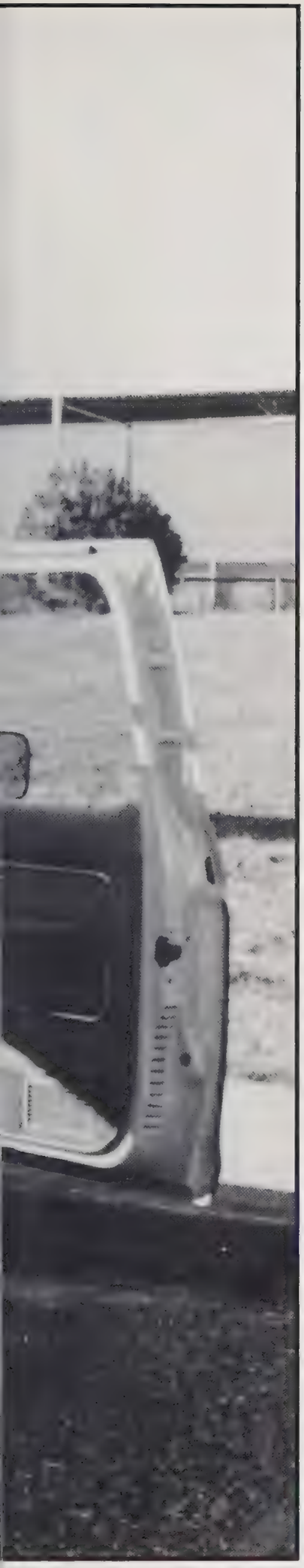
While some students looked for serious relationships, others preferred to just go out and have a good time. They believed that long lasting relationships tied them down and took away free time with friends. "I don't look for serious relationships because I like to spend too much time with my friends. I just don't want to waste my high school years with a person I probably won't see after graduation," junior **Kim Wilson** said.

"I like going out with different people just to have a good time. Isn't that what being a teenager is all about?" **Kim Laughter**

Some students spend time with friends and have a relationship at the same time. This was possible when students went out with people from other schools. Senior **Claudine Dills** said,"My boyfriend Tony and I have been dating for years. Going to different schools sometimes causes problems, but we always work it out."

For others it was a little harder. The problems in the Middle East put even more strain on long distance relationships. "With Mark (Rush) going to Saudi Arabia, it's going to be very hard on us. But we are close, and I really think we will be okay," junior **Amy Thompson** said.

Senior **Crystal Banks** said, "Whether the relationship is serious or not, it takes time, patience and caring. A relationship is hard work, but I believe it is well worth it."



▪ **Lunch break.** Senior Claudia Fann and junior Michael Crisp escape the noise and confusion of the cafeteria to share a few minutes together in the hall.

Pets

of a different breed

Dogs, cats, guinea pigs and rabbits were among the more common pets of West Henderson students. Some, however, had unusual animals living in their homes. A few students had such creatures as lizards, snakes, ferrets, and iguanas to take care of. "My lizard, Mic, isn't as playful as some dogs may be, but I don't have to worry about taking him out for walks," sophomore **Annette Mathis** said.

Students found that having out-of-the-ordinary pets sometimes was harder than they expected. Junior **Stony Gonce** said, "My iguana, Iggy, is pretty big. His cage is sometimes hard to clean, and we have to keep our cat outside because Iggy attacks him." Sophomore **Shane Cook** said,"It's kind of a hassle to feed my snake. I have to get live mice to feed him, but at least I don't have to do it every day."

Many students have reptiles and exotic fish, but sophomore **Kathy Rutter** has a ferret. Buckwheat runs around the house like any cat or dog. Rutter said,"Buckwheat is really friendly and playful. He isn't hard to take care of, and he'll eat right out of my hand."

Some students who had "normal" pets or no pets at all were interested and amazed at the "not so familiar" animals. Senior **Monica Byrd** said,"Stony's iguana is really neat when he sheds. He turns yellow, green and all kinds of colors." "I don't have an unusual pet, but I think it would be cool," senior **Chris Jackson** said.

Even though there were disadvantages to having these types of pets, students seemed to think the abnormality made it worthwhile. Gonce said "I just wanted to have something not many people have."

"Having birds is great. I like to listen to them, and there aren't many responsibilities in taking care of them."

Kim Stanley

▪ **Just peanuts.** When Buckwheat, sophomore Kathy Rutter's ferret, isn't roaming the house like other household pets, he is eating peanuts out of her hand.

▪ **Eye level.** Sophomore Annette Mathis plays with her lizard, Mic, who lives in a cage in her bedroom. Mathis said she liked having a pet reptile because he was little and easy to take care of.

▪ **Look what I found.** Being more than three feet long, Iggy, junior Stony Gonce's pet iguana, is hard to ignore. One of Iggy's favorite activities was chasing the Gonce's cat.

▪ **The "Grouch."** The exotic pet fish, Oscar, may give his owner, junior Beverly Kuykendall, dirty looks and glaring stares, but he can't bark, howl, annoy the neighbors or chase cars.

ONE for the book

"I like my lizard because there are not many people who have them and they are very easy to take care of."

Brian White

ONE for the book

"My favorite weekend was when I went to Atlanta with my girlfriend Amy and went shopping and swimming."

David Gass

▪ **Riding high.** When sophomore Angie Lanning has spare time on the weekends, she often spends it grooming and riding her horse, Schatzi. She enjoyed entering horses in shows when she lived in Ohio.

▪ **Just for fun.** Junior Stephanie Beck bowls a strike during a weekend outing with her friends. Beck frequently participated in bowling tournaments and won a best in the state trophy for her age group.

Weekends

— short but sweet

Some Falcons did not feel that their weekend had really started until they had reached the bottom of the hill at West Henderson. "I can't wait until the end of school on Friday afternoons, so I can finally concentrate on something else besides my homework," senior **Bobby Turner** said.

Lots of Falcons kicked off their weekends with the football or basketball games, while some went to parties with their friends, and others just sat home and relaxed. "I like to hang out with my friends and go to Charlotte," senior **Chad Murphy** said. "On the weekends I like to go shopping and ride my horse," junior **Jennifer Bingel** said.

Some Falcons felt that weekends gave them different advantages for the following week. "Weekends give me a chance to catch up on my sleep, and I can also do more activities than I do during the week," sophomore **Molly Denton** said. "It gives me time to be myself and recuperate from last week," junior **Emily Gore** said.

Even though some students wanted their weekends to last forever, Monday always came quickly. "I always eagerly wait for the following Friday to come around again so I can spend time with my friends and family," sophomore **Robin Sorrells** said.

> "The night of my junior prom was my very favorite weekend because I didn't have to have a curfew."
> **Josie Youngblood**

▪ **Shopping spree.** Sophomore Elizabeth Crocker shops for bargains at Cato in the Blue Ridge Mall. The mall was one of the popular places for students to go on weekends.

▪ **Belkie mania.** Teddy bears never lose their appeal. Sophomores Julie Baldwin and Tonya Youngblood do not need much time to decide to buy one during a Christmas shopping trip at the mall.

▪ **Serving it up.** One member of the girls' tennis team, sophomore Effie Lucas, enjoys spending her weekends playing tennis with friends and working on her serve for future competition.

Sibling

rivalries or friendships

Oh, brother! That was a frequent thought for the students at West Henderson who attended high school with a sibling. "I like having Robin here. We share a lot of our stuff and we're like a team, so I can't imagine school without her," sophomore **April Sorrells** said.

Most of the Falcon siblings liked having a brother or sister at school, but for a variety of reasons. "I like not having to take my brother over to Rugby every day, but I don't like having him here because he knows when I get into trouble, and he tells my parents about it," senior **Scott Lyda** said.

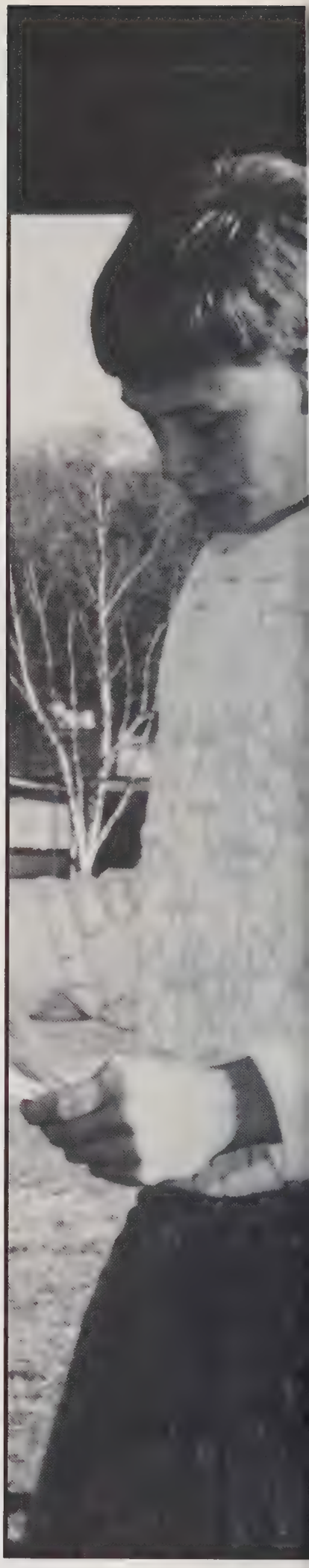
"Kim gets advantages because I can drive her to school and help her."

James McCall

"I like it that Scott's here at school because I get to know a lot of the seniors that are friends of his," sophomore **John Lyda** said.

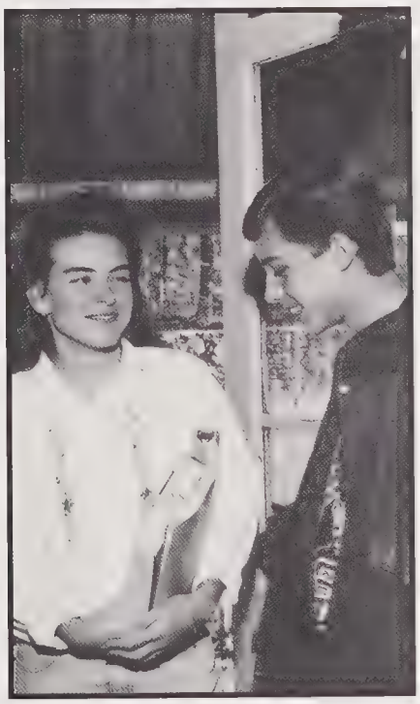
There were other disadvantages. "If he acts weird, people think that I'm weird because he's my brother," senior **Chuck Bratu** said about brother Greg. "The teachers are always comparing us to see which one does better. And because we're twins, the teachers are always getting us mixed up," junior **Skipper Juhasz** said.

It was both good and bad having a sibling at school, but most thought that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages.



▪ **No, I'll drive.** Arguments over who will get to drive the car home can be a problem for Falcon twins Scottie and Skipper Juhasz, both juniors.

■ **Please let me.** Sophomore Ellen Stallings finds it convenient that her brother, Billy Stallings, gets to park in the senior lot, but she had a difficult time convincing him to let her drive his truck.



■ **A real gentleman.** Opening the door is just one way junior James McCall helps his sister, sophomore Kim McCall. He also drove her to school and helped her with her homework.

■ **What's that?** Something senior Scott Lyda is reading attracts the attention of his younger brother, sophomore John Lyda. The brothers frequently enjoyed lunch-time frisbee games in the courtyard with their mutual friends.

ONE for the book

"April and I have our good moments and bad mo-ments, but the good moments definitely outweigh the bad ones."

Robin Sorrells

The Gulf War

By Stephanie Beck

Saudi Arabia. January 16,1991, 4:50 p.m. EST — the first wave of F-15 Eagles took off from Riyadh and Dhahran. 6:41 p.m. EST — the first news of the air strike reached the American public. Thus began Operation Desert Storm, a military action that changed the lives of many West Henderson graduates.

Not long after Saddam Hussein's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, President Bush issued the call for troops to go to the Middle East. Sam Perdue was among the first to leave when his unit, the 82nd Airborne, was called to duty. Perdue joined the Army a few months after his graduation in 1989. He also served in the reserves during his senior year at West Henderson.

"He basically kept the trucks and jeeps running. We were pretty sure he would be an assigned driver,"

Katherina Perdue, Sam's mother, said. Perdue spent his 21st birthday in Saudi Arabia. "His birthday was five days before Christmas, and we were afraid his presents would not reach him in time. But when we saw the videotape, there was the Christmas tree we had sent him," Katherina Perdue said.

Deanna McKewon, a 1985 graduate of West, was the first woman from Henderson County to be sent overseas. Before her deployment on Aug. 12, McKewon was stationed at Pope Air Force Base near Fayetteville.

McKewon, a sergeant with the MICAP Supply Division, was in charge of inventory of supplies and ordering parts for equipment being used in Operation Desert Storm. McKewon was also involved in the adopt-a-soldier program. She was adopted by Nancy Randall's class at Bruce Drysdale Elementary School.

"When American women go out in public, they must wear veils like the Saudi women do," Kay Duggins, McKewon's mother, said. "The American women were not allowed to speak to the Saudi men and the American men can't speak to the Saudi women. It was also very hard for the women to instruct Saudi men in what they were supposed to do because the Saudi men don't like women in positions of authority," Duggins said.

Two West graduates served on board the same ship in the Persian Gulf. Both Joseph Wesley Russell, Class of 1988, and Alan Whitaker, Class of 1989, were stationed aboard the USS Iwo Jima. Russell was a lance corporeal assigned to the commander of the troops. His job involved the use of computers to distribute the weight on ships and planes used to transport equipment and supplies. Whitaker was a heavy equipment operator. He spent most of his time on a ship, but was off ship for four to six weeks. That time was spent at a port unloading other ships.

As troops began to move overseas, reserve units were called up. Locally, the 210 and 211 Military Police companies were deployed as a part of Operation Desert Storm. Alan Baker joined the Army after his graduation in 1984. He served three years active duty before joining the National Guard in 1987 and then being sent to the Gulf. Initial orders of the call-up were for three months, but they were extended.

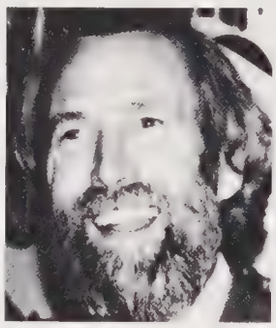
Other graduates who served in Operation Desert Storm included Donald Bowman, Scott Wilson, Michael P. Bradley, Donnie Hensley, Erwin Lee Huggins, Ryan Ingerick, Doug McDaniel, Keith Pace, Michael McGraw and Bobby Raines. The community celebrated their return.

America's modern military might rolls into the Saudi desert to make an interesting contrast in the Arab world.

Saddam Hussein

The military conquests of one man and his army drew the world into a war no one seemed to want .

'It's Not Easy Being Green'



Jim Henson
1936-1990

Big Bird, Bert, Ernie, Miss Piggy, Kermit the Frog, Oscar the Grouch, and Cookie Monster — they are only stockings plumped up with felt, foam, and ping-pong balls, but in the minds of two generatons of American kids, they are enduring companions and sometimes best friends.

Since an awkward 8 foot, 2 inch tall canary popped up on the sidewalks of Sesame Street 21 years ago, the Muppets have taught letters, numbers, feelings and fantasy to millions of children. Jim Henson, the creator of Sesame Street and the Muppet Show, died May 16, 1990. The muppets were Jim Henson's creation, and it was his spirit, as well as his hands and voice, that animated them. Until he died so unexpectedly, no one had apparently given much thought to the idea that the muppets might in any sense be mortal. Henson's death made this thought unspeakble. After all, he did not just perform Kermit; he "was" Kermit. Kermit had only one flaw. He believed in people, but it was also his strength. More than just his voice, Kermit shared this philosphy with Jim Henson. He was once quoted saying,"You see I think people are basically good." This is what he believed and because of it, he was able to walk through the world of television unharmed.

Henson was not only Kermit the Frog, but he was also the voice of Ernie, the second half of Bert. In May 1990 Time *reported that the Sesame Street producers had decided that fun-loving Ernie would be retired from the show. "Bert and Ernie are a pair and Bert is not the same without Ernie. I don't understand why they would do something crazy like that," West Henderson senior Stacy Thomas said.*

The Muppets did not just entertain children and teach them about numbers, letters, and cooperation, they also taught adults about environmental issues such as air pollution. Since 1984, Jim Henson, his Muppets, his Muppeteers, writers and crew worked with the National Wildlife Foundation to help teach the public about environmental issues. Over the years, Kermit and company made several appearances in National Wildlife Federation public service announcements for television broadcast. Each announcement reached millions of people a year nationwide."Seeing the commercials with the Sesame Street characters has really got me thinking about the conservation of our planet. We have really got to start caring more or else there will be nothing left," junior Becky Sams said.

Jim Henson had not planned to

By Wendy Parker

The humans and Muppets of Sesame Street teach letters, numbers, and values to millions of children around the world.

stop at just the Muppets that everyone is familiar with. Before his death he had been working on a brand new line of muppets and a new television program called Inner Tube. *They were a more contemporary looking set, drawn from African sources. The plans for the new puppets had remained uncertain, but with Henson's death the idea was dropped.*

Young or old, Henson's death affected virtually everyone in some away or another. Whether it was a child who was going to miss his buddy Ernie or an adult who knew the lessons he was taught by Sesame Street, Henson would be missed. Ironically, a month before his death, Henson sold his creations to his biggest competitor, Walt Disney. Maybe now Jim Henson's creatures will live on for generations to come.

Sesame Street Top 5

West Henderson students named their childhood favorites from Jim' Henson's classic educational program:

1. Oscar the Grouch
2. Big Bird
3. Cookie Monster
4. Snuffle-upagus
5. Ernie

'As Nasty as They Wanna Be'

Flag burners, rappers, and artists tested the limits of the First Amendment.

The United States Supreme Court was hard at work in 1990 as the censorship war being waged in America forced it to better define the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Did freedom of speech mean having the right to burn the American flag or sell albums with explicit lyrics to the youth of America? The Supreme Court and Congress were sent into a frenzy as they searched for answers.

Flag burning was the first issue. The Supreme Court ruled that flag burning was legal as it was a person's right to freedom of expression. This ruling split the Congress, which failed to pass a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning.

Next, there was the popular new rap group 2 Live Crew. Their music was deemed as vulgar and immoral by much of the nation, while others defended the group's right to sing what they wanted to.

The case with 2 Live Crew eventually went to court in Florida. After much controversy and court battles, the ruling went in favor of the rap group. They could be As Nasty As They Wanna Be. *However, the censorship controversy remained. In the same state, a businessman who owned a record store was convicted for selling materials by 2 Live Crew to a minor. Again, the issue was morality verses freedom.*

As a result of pressure, the Recording Industry Association of America voluntarily decided to label recordings that were considered explicit. The Parent's Music Resource Center was a driving force in the resulting labels. The center was an organization fighting against vulgar and explicit music.

These voluntary actions by music companies have not brought about a major reaction by federal or state governments. Many state legislatures have brought the issue of record labeling up, but have generally decided to drop the issue for fear of a censorship war by the public.

Madonna

BY SUSAN RAY

The U. S. Senate voted 58-42 in favor of a constitutional amendment against flag burning on June 26, 1990, but that was nine votes short of the required two-thirds majority needed to approve amendments.

The basic fact that most people could agree on when the issue of censorship was addressed, was that it was definitely good for sales. In the case involving 2 Live Crew, upon their arrest for explicit lyrics, the sales of their albums soared to their highest ever.

The music industry faced another setback in the field of censorship in December. Controversial rock star Madonna, released her new video for the hit song Justify My Love. *The video contained sexually eplicit material and nudity.*

As a result of this, MTV was forced to censor Justify My Love *and refused to broadcast it. Many people disagreed with the decision made by MTV, but they were unsuccessful in their attempt to have the video aired. The video, however, went on sale in music stores all over the country just in time for Christmas.*

Caution!

Some people considered these books dangerous:

American Heritage Dictionary

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The Bible

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Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

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Catcher in the Rye

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

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Mother Goose

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The Chocolate War

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Catch-22

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Lord of the Flies

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Ordinary People

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Grapes of Wrath

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Raisin in the Sun

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To Kill a Mockingbird

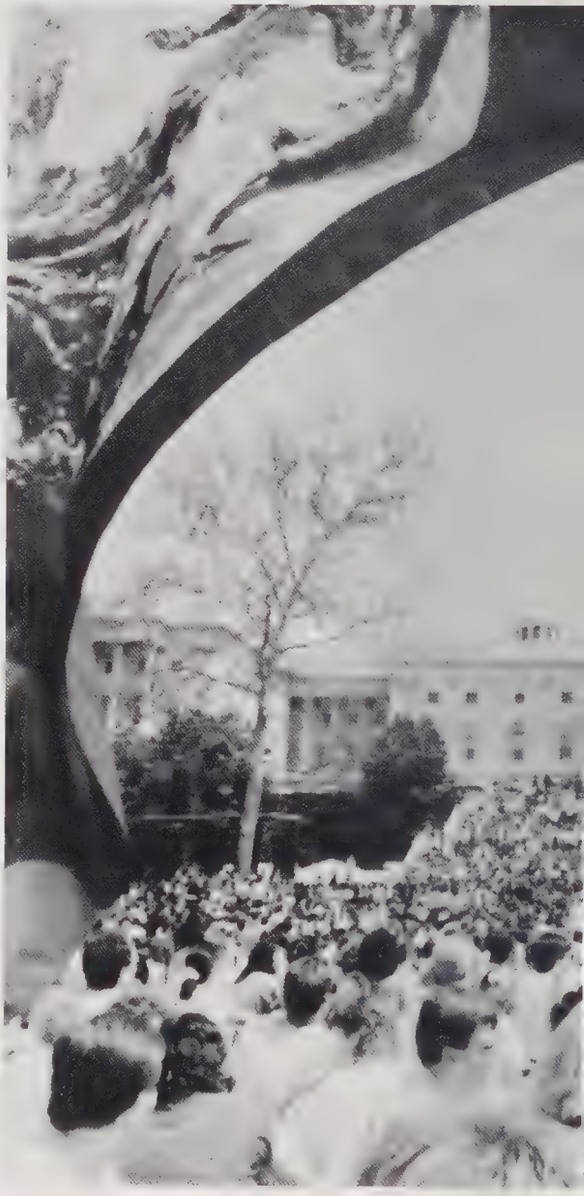
Environmentalism: 'Here we go again'

A 'hippy' concern from the 1960s became a mainstream issue of worldwide concern.

Cancer-causing pesticides, the depletion of the ozone layer, the greenhouse effect, the danger of oil spills — these environmental concerns and others were on the minds of many people in the late 1980s. But these concerns were not always popular. When and how did environmentalism come about and will it last long enough to make a difference?

A little over two decades ago more than twenty million environmentally aware people gathered at teach-ins and rallies, according to Smithsonian, *"to raise the nation's consciousness about the beauty and fragility of life on earth." This event, Earth Day, was the beginning of the modern environmental movement which sparked the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Air Act of 1970 as well as many other environmental laws. People were excited about doing their share to save the planet. But throughout the latter part of the 1970s, the environmental movement took a back seat to "more important" issues, and, according to* Smithsonian, *"industry groups woke up and began funneling millions of dollars to legislation to block environmental laws."*

However, by the late 1980s, the environmental concern was renewed. One cause for this new concern was environmental disasters, the most recent being the oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound. According to U.S. News and World Report, *some environmentalists called this accident "an American Chernobyl." The 20th*



By Kelley Marlowe

anniversary of Earth Day, held on April 22, 1990, sought "to tap into the heat generated by the growing anxieties over the environment in the past couple of years," Smithsonian *said. John Allen, science teacher, said, "I suppose one would look at Earth Day '90 as being a focal point. But the media coverage of new findings and speculation about the atmosphere coupled with disasters such as Love Canal and Three Mile Island have precipitated the interest."*

Much progress has been made in the push to make the earth a cleaner place to live. According to U.S. News and World Report, *"New air-quality data from the EPA show that the enormous investments in clean air have been paying off. The EPA says some forms of water pollution are down significantly. And studies by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate that populations of many game species in North America, such as deer, have increased."*

But there was still much work to be done. Most hoped that the lessons of the past would keep the environment an American priority.

The 20th anniversary of Earth Day was celebrated in April 1990. Thousands of Americans went to Washington to show their concern for the environment.

Piling Up

- 300 tons per day of solid waste are dumped in the Henderson County landfill.
- Each person throws away about 3.5 pounds of trash per day.
- The U.S. recycles about 10 percent of its trash.
- Henderson County recycles 64 tons of garbage per month.

Just Style It

By April Woody

Television, movies, videos, and music provided a wealth of fads for students to copy .

Guessing what was "in" was not very difficult since what the majority did established the styles. Although each individual had his or her own uniqueness, a bond could be shared in fads. Certain fashions, movies, people, songs, or foods were put in the spotlight and they became the "in" choices.

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"Cowabunga, dude!" For an underachiever Bart Simpson certainly achieved stardom. The animated character made his debut along with his family (Homer, Marge, Lisa, and, Maggie) and became a hero. The Simpson craze included novelty items such as t-shirts expounding Bart's philosophies of life, Simpson dolls, posters, an album — The Simpsons Sing The Blues *— and more. Just watching the Simpsons television show was a must for many.*

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The saying goes that every twenty years history repeats itself. Stretch pants or leggings were back in style with many colors and designs, some as wild as from the '70s. Breaking in boots was another fashion find. In shoe stores anything from sporty hiking boots to high heel dressy boots were available. A clothing accessory very popular was the headband. Many outfits were complimented with coordinating headbands.

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Jewelry picked up on the eccentric or mystic side with crystals and porcelain bracelets. Crystals in many colors, shapes, and sizes hung around necks daily. Some people wore them for special meaning while others found them trendy. Porcelain bracelets in decorative designs such as floral prints or the ying-yang symbol were worn as an alternative to the usual gold chains and bracelets. These accessories were more noticeable and aroused curiosity.

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Lifesavers have been a popular candy for many years, but something was missing — the hole. The introduction of lifesaver holes intrigued lifesaver fans and increased in popularity. Being much smaller, they disappeared much faster, a fact that the manufacturer must have appreciated. Packaged in a cylinder container looking like lifesavers, one had to be a true fan to notice the difference.

Senior Michael Shaw is not alone in his admiration of Bart Simpson.

Falcon Picks...

Best Movies

1. Pretty Woman
2. Home Alone
3. Ghost
4. Young Guns II
5. Total Recall

Best TV Programs

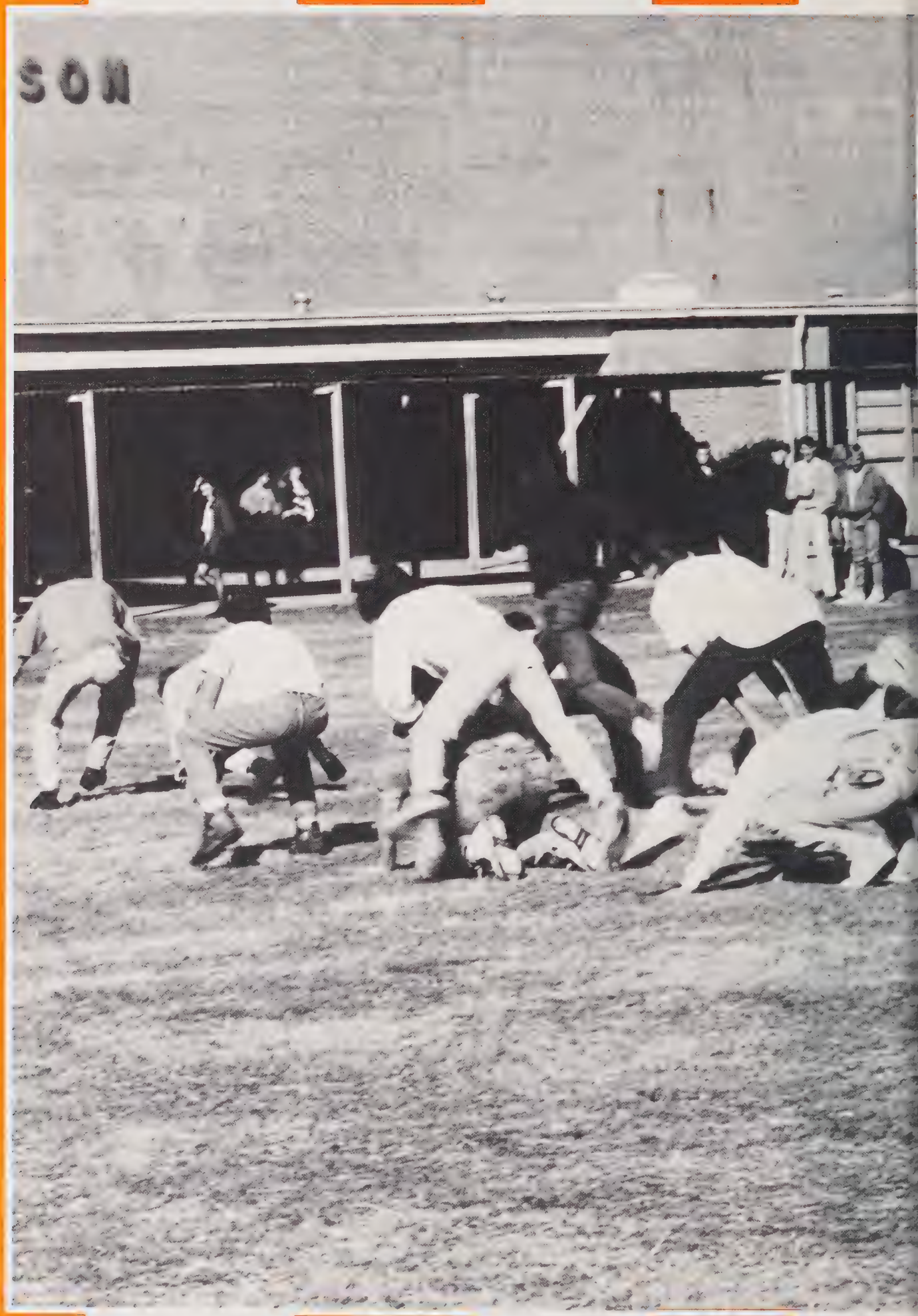
1. The Simpsons
2. In Living Color
3. Cheers
4. The Cosby Show
5. Fresh Prince of Bel Air

Best Albums

1. To the Extreme
   Vanilla Ice
2. Please, Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em
   M. C. Hammer
3. Razor's Edge
   AC/DC
4. Dr. Feelgood
   Motley Crue
5. Stick It to Ya
   Slaughter

Favorite Cars

1. Mustang GT
2. Dodge Stealth
3. ZR-1 Corvette
4. Nissan 300ZX
5. Lamborghini Diablo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Together times

A variety of students roamed West Henderson's halls during the course of the year. Whether these students were outstanding athletes, gifted artists and musicians, talented journalists, concerned volunteers or academic Quiz Bowl whizzes, each made a contribution to the school. The Falcons showed their unique sense of style through the clothes they wore, such as the Bart Simpson t-shirts and bajas, and through their different kinds of jewelry, including crystals and porcelain bracelets.

ONE of a kind

People had their own ways of socializing. Some hung out in large groups and went to parties or to The Hangar. Others preferred to stay in small groups and go to the movies or to the mall. But no matter how they did it, each and every one of the Falcons proved to be a "one of a kind" individual.

▪ **Playground fun.** To take advantage of their free time during lunch, several students play leap frog in the courtyard area on a warm December day. The same group played elementary school games, such as "Red Rover" and "Duck, Duck, Goose," many days, providing entertainment for other second lunch students and the classes in Z-building.

Jennifer Adams
Jean Aiton
Andy Allen
Hope Allen
Michelle Ammons
Corrie Anthony
David Atkins

Joseph Baer
Laurie Bailey
Lynn Baldwin
Julie Baldwin
Kelly Barber
Eric Barger
Barry Barton

Arriving at West, sophomores found their way around for better or. . .

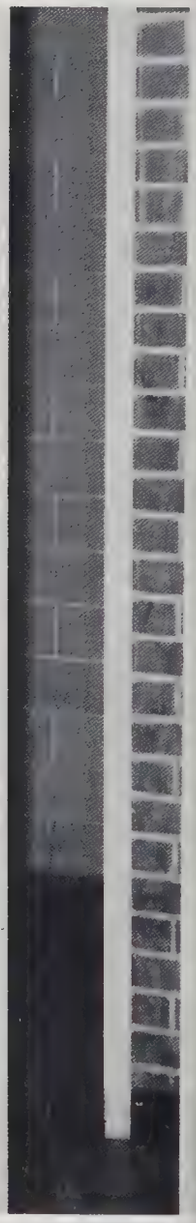
For worse

Embarrassing moments at West Henderson seemed to happen to almost every one, especially sophomores. "I went into the boy's bathroom on the first day of school by accident. I was so embarrassed," sophomore **Stephanie Cone** said. The first day of school was a day for many embarrassing moments. **John Lyda** said, "I went into the wrong typing class on the first day of school, and the teacher started teaching; then I checked my schedule."

Embarrassing things happened at times throughout the year. "I was really embarrassed when Marty McCall picked me up and almost threw me in the dumpster," **Ashley Morse** said. Some embarrassing moments weren't necessarily the person's fault. "I was going into X-building and someone had pulled the rug up against the door, so when a person came in, they tripped. Well, I tripped, not really bad, but it was still embarrassing," **Robin Sorrells** said.

"Every time something really embarrassing happens, it seems like there are always a lot of people around watching," **Melissa Metcalf** said. Some sophomores said that it wouldn't be as embarrassing if no one saw the event, but then everyone noticed the effects of embarrassment. "My face turns red, bright red," **Nikki Webb** said.

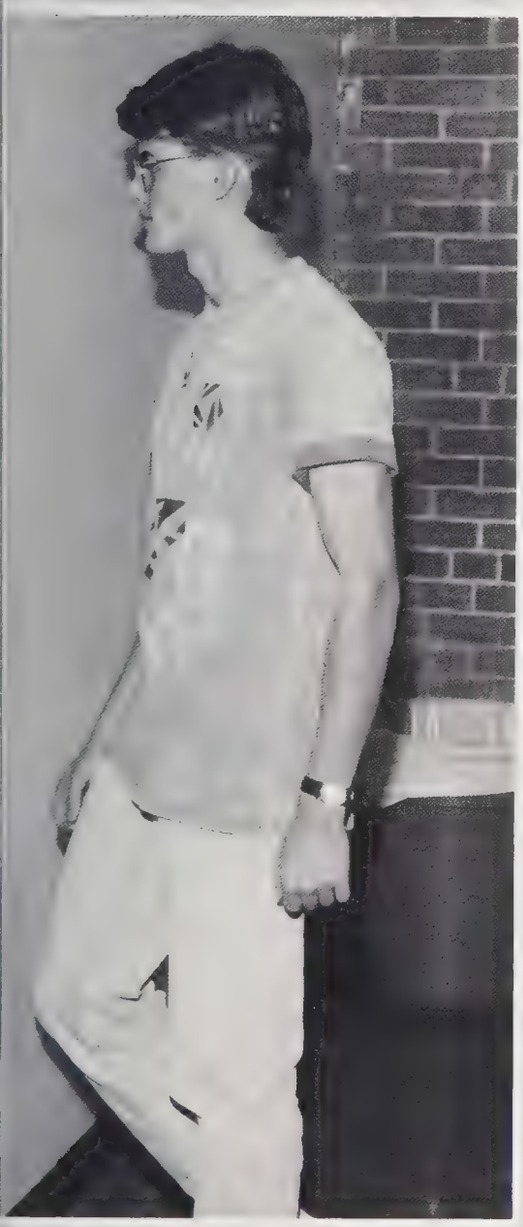
A few students were very fortunate and said they didn't have embarrassing moments at school. **Tara Rice** said, "Nothing embarrassing ever happens to me at school." But even the strangest things could be embarrassing. **Holly Chapman** said, "I fell out of my best friend's car and ended up having to have surgery. That was really embarrassing."

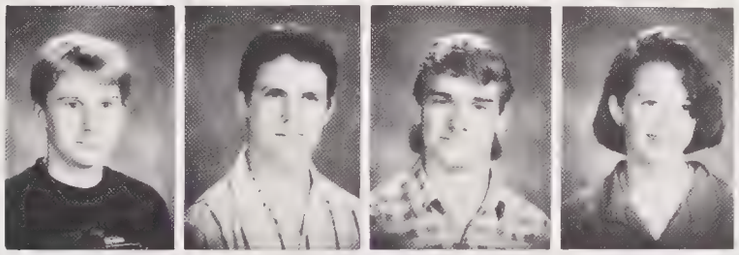


▪ **Wrong way.** Since the restrooms at West Henderson are not labeled, many new students and visitors went into the wrong one. Sophomore Jerome Wilkie decides not to make the same mistake.

Ryan Beck
Jeanette Bell
Marc Bentley
Becky Bishop
Dennis Bishop
Geoff Bishop
James Blackwell

Sonya Bolton
George Bradley
Matt Bradley
Kristal Branham
Greg Bratu
Crystal Brevard
Travis Brotherton





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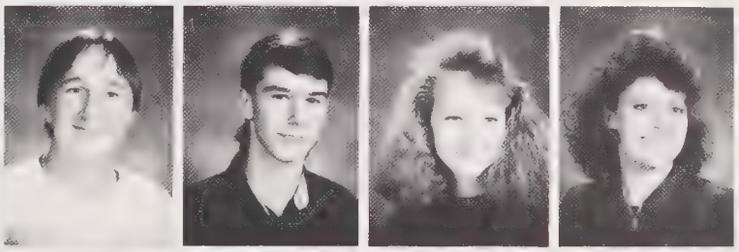

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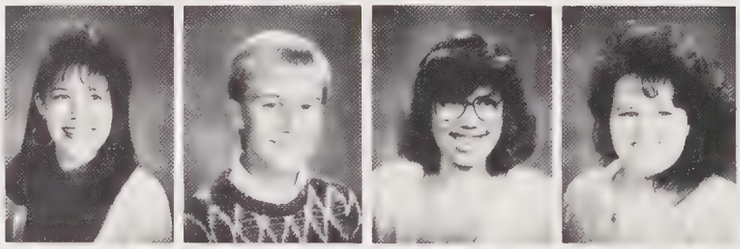

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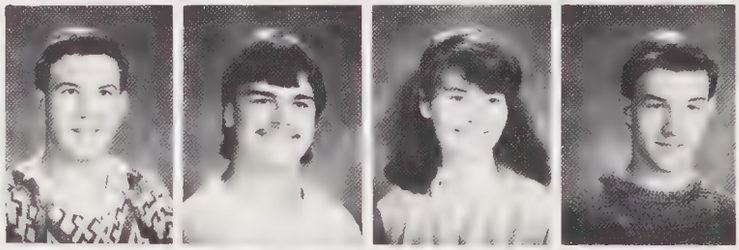

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Heather Fisher
Mike Fisher
Jennifer Flynn
Tina Flynn
Melissa Ford
Juanita Fowler
Taylor Fowler

Students with an array of colors on their braces created. . .

Bright smiles

Brace-face, tinsel teeth, railroad tracks, tin grin — if you have ever been referred to by any of these names, you were most likely one of the many students who have worn braces. Braces were not new, but this year's new colored bands created strong opinions.

Instead of the plain, regular gray rubber bands worn for years, an array of colors brought about a new look for people who wore braces. Sophomore **John Lyda** said, "They're not boring. They add color to the braces." Many other students agreed that the new colors had been a great hit. Sophomore **Melissa Metcalf** did not wear braces but she agreed that the colored bands were stylish. She said, "I think they add style to the braces." Some others liked the new bands, but they thought there were some colors they could do without. Sophomore **April Sorrells** said, "The colored bands are okay, but not the pukey green color; it makes it look like you have food in your teeth."

On the other hand, plenty of students disliked the new colored bands. Sophomore **Stephanie Cone** said, "I think colored bands for braces are extremely tacky and very unfashionable." Sophomore **Philip Grose** shared the same opinion. He said, "They stink; I think they make people look dumb."

Whether for a fashion statement or a change of pace, students at West Henderson had strong reactions toward the new colored bands.

▪ **Rainbow smile.** Changing tapes during dance class, sophomore Nikki Webb smiles to show that her braces are different colors. Many students with braces wore multi-colored bands to be trendy.

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Michael Fuentes
Amanda Gaddy
Audrey Galloway
Chris Galloway
Amy Gardner
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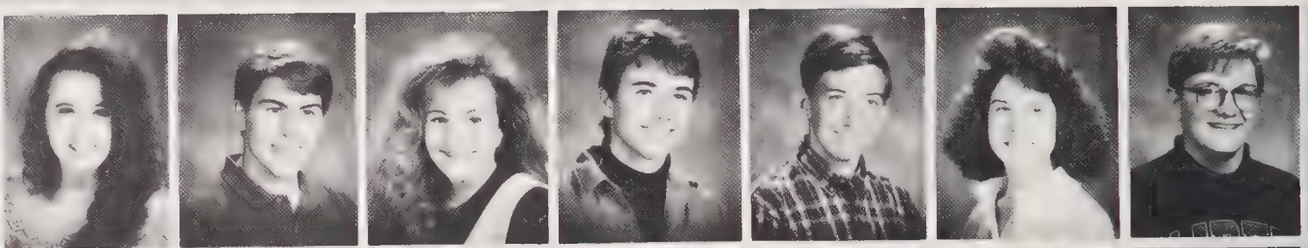

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Jessica Hyder
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Kyle Jackson
Erin Jacobsen
Christy Jarvis
Kelly Jenkins
Barry Johnson

Kari Johnson
Brandon Jones
David Jones
John Jones
Scott Kent
Debbie Kilby
Anthony Killeen

You Jin Kim
Angie Kimball
John King
Tanya King

With new construction on the way, many sophomores. . .

Spoke out

As the shovels came down and broke the ground of West Henderson's courtyard in the spring, more than the $7.5 million building project was on the minds of students. The beginning of this 18-month project aroused a variety of feelings among the sophomores who would be the first graduating class from the "new and improved" West Henderson.

A few of the West Henderson sophomores looked forward to it. Sophomore **Becky Ellington** said, "It is neat that we are going to be the first people to graduate from the new West Henderson High School." Sophomore **Amy Oxendine** said, "It will be very exciting and enjoyable." Sophomore **Melissa Saurborn** said,"I feel glad because I'll be graduating from a better school than it is now."

Other sophomores felt differently. "Honestly, I don't think we need the changes, I don't see anything wrong with the way it is. They say we're going to be all closed in, and I don't like it," sophomore **Chris Galloway** said.

▪ **Time out for lunch.** Enjoying lunch out in the courtyard, some sophomores spend time outside before the courtyard area is transformed into the new gym. The construction was due to be completed for the 1992-93 school year.

Each day at school for Jennifer Flynn was. . .

All in the family

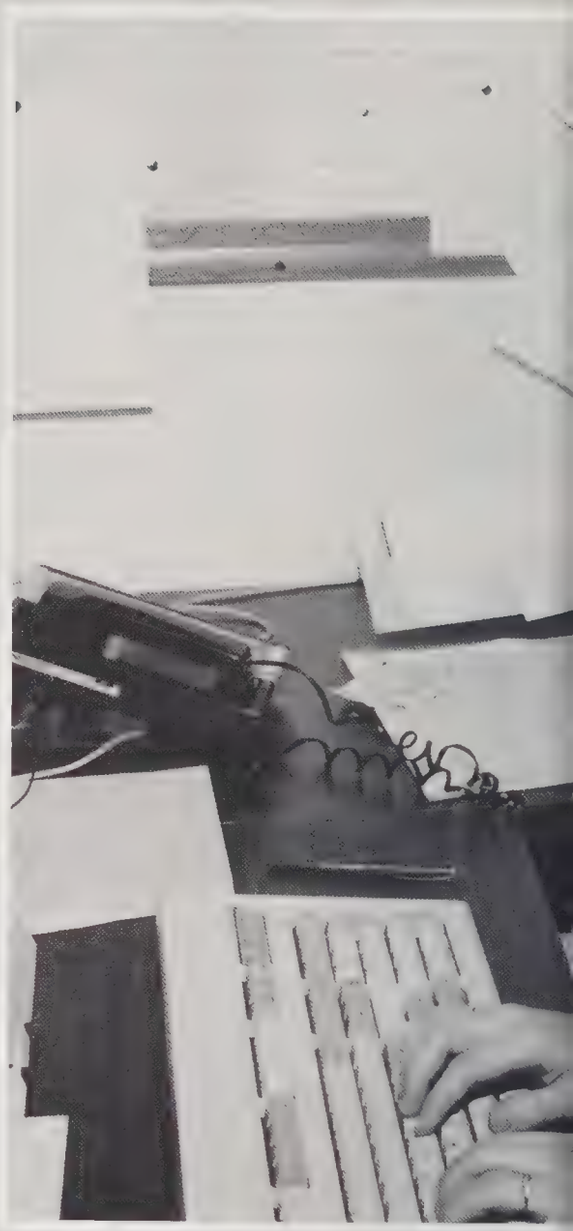
Principal Kohlan Flynn's daughter, **Jennifer Flynn**, joined the Falcon family. She was a sophomore, and said she really enjoyed it. Even if Jennifer Flynn had the choice, she said she probably wouldn't transfer schools. "West is a great school; most kids don't get a chance to go to school with their dad. I've got the chance, and anyway, I'm having a great time here," she said.

Flynn claimed she didn't receive special treatment. None of her classmates or friends seemed to treat her differently. She said, "I get kidded about getting special treatment sometimes, but I don't perceive special treatment so it doesn't bother me." **Lori Bailey** said, "I forget that she is Dr. Flynn's daughter. She is my friend regardless, and I treat her so."

Being the principal's daughter didn't affect Flynn's involvement. "I'm very involved. I'm in lots of clubs and other school organizations, just like other kids here," Flynn said.

She said she really enjoyed having her father at school but that it's not that uncommon. "It's just like having your mom or dad teach at the school you go to, except my dad is the principal. Actually it's a lot of fun," Flynn said.

At the beginning of the year, some students didn't realize Jennifer Flynn was Dr. Flynn's daughter. "A lot of my friends didn't realize that he was my father until well into the year. They were pretty much surprised. That just goes to show that his job doesn't affect the way that I treat people or get involved," she said.



▪ **Generation after generation.** While working on a homework assignment as she waits for her father, Principal Kohlan Flynn, sophomore Jennifer Flynn tries not to make any mistakes on her paper. Many students used computers to do their homework.

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Kim Laughter
Dan Leach
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Brian Lindsey

Misty Lindsey
Mona Livingston
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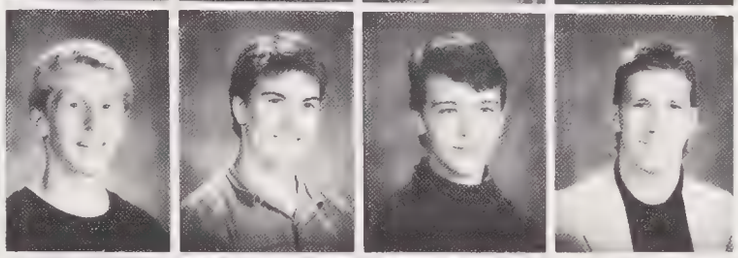

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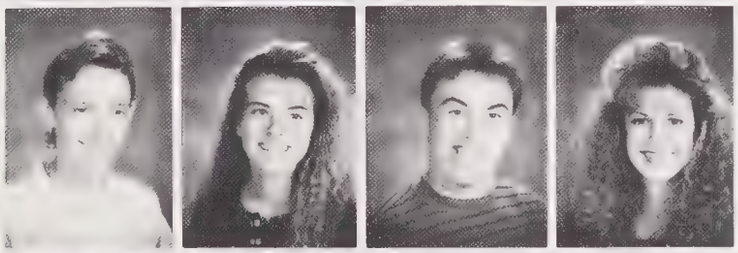

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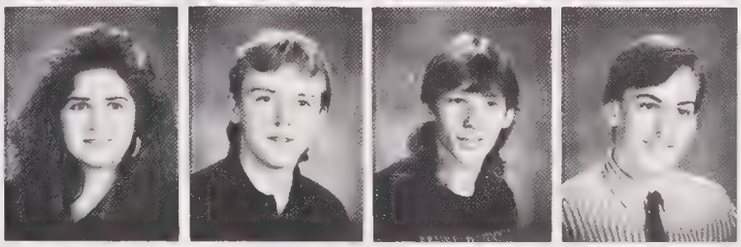

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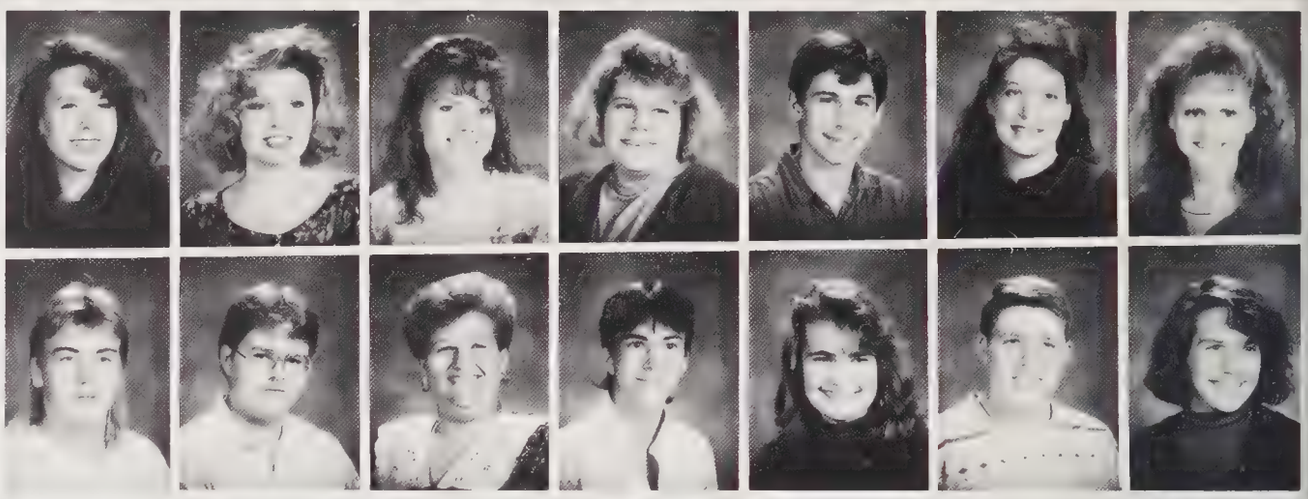

Lockers helped sophomores have a home. . .

Away from home

Sophomores got last pick on their choice for lockers, but they seemed to manage anyway. Many sophomores realized that the lockers they were assigned weren't convenient for them, so they resorted to moving in with a friend. Best friends Melissa Metcalf and **Dena McCormick** shared one very crowded locker. "Sometimes we share books and put our homework in the other person's book. It really gets confusing when we get our things mixed up," McCormick said. "Our locker isn't as messy as you would think it would be, but the locker that Kari Johnson and Danna Neill share is another story. They have the messiest locker. I don't know how they find anything in there."

Sophomores **Tina Hensley** and Cory Anthony also packed all of their belongings into one locker. Sometimes it got very unmanageable. Hensley said, "We'll clean out our locker, but the next day it's a disaster again."

One of the most aggravating things about having a locker was finding out that it had been "stacked." Sophomore **Andy Allen** had a problem with his friends doing that very thing to his locker. Allen said, "I think they need to make lockers stack-proof. Mine would be a lot more convenient if it got stacked a lot less."

Not all sophomores used their lockers. Sophomore **Tim Sabo** said, "I have never used my locker. I don't even know where it is." But most sophomores appreciated having a place to store all of their school necessities, and many of them decorated their lockers just like they would their rooms at home.

▪ **A fine mess.** Trying to look for something in his locker, sophomore Mark Russell struggles to get past books, clothes and crumpled paper. Many students decorated their lockers with posters or pictures of friends.

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Kendra Porter

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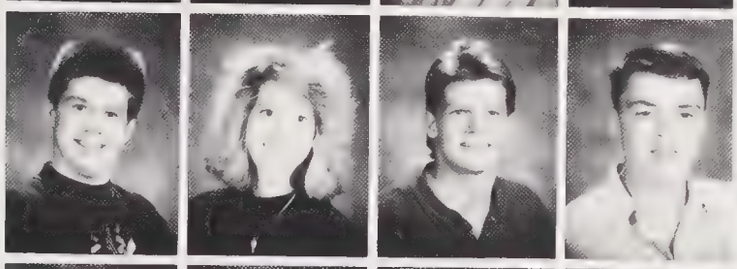

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Tarah Singh

Jon Skillman
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Trey Small
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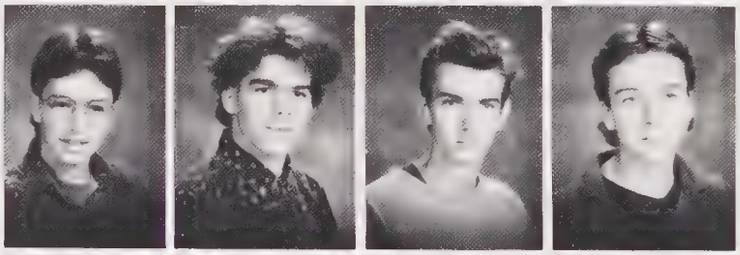

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Brandi Ward

Tracy Warren
Kim Weatherstone
Melissa Webb
Nikki Webb
Ricky Welch
Jeremy West
Michelle West

No matter if sophomores saved it or spent it, first jobs helped . . .

Pay the bills

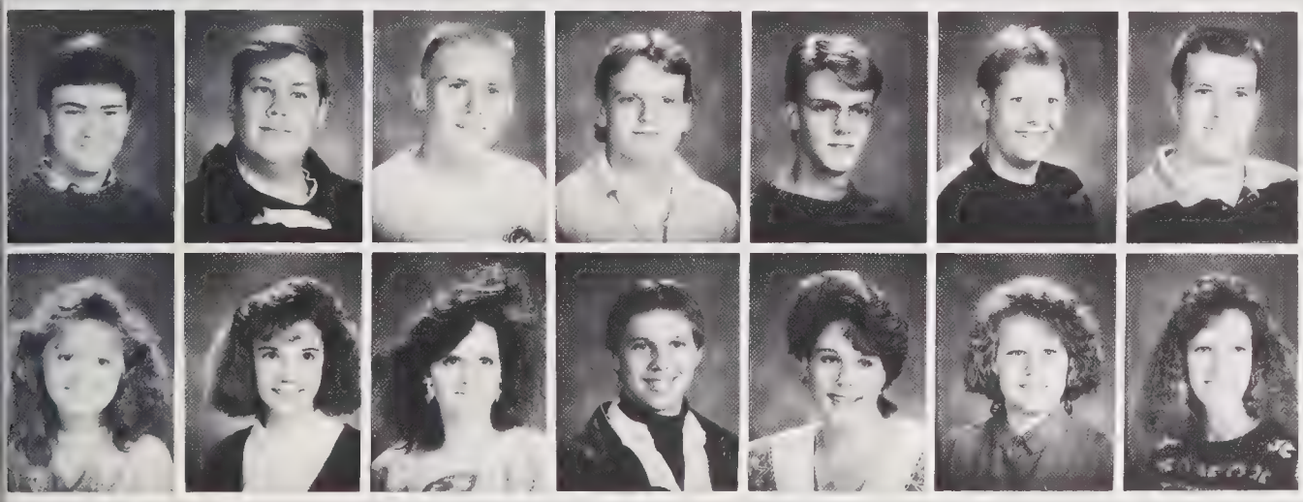
A student's first job could be very exciting, but slightly intimidating. Whether it was mowing grass or babysitting, almost everyone agreed that their first job was definitely one to be remembered. Sophomore **Melissa Metcalf's** first job was working for a pool service. She vacuumed and cleaned pools and tested the water. She got the job through her mother, who also worked for the company. Metcalf said, "Having this job gave me self-esteem and the knowledge that I don't have to depend on my parents for everything."

Many students found jobs where they just had to work on the weekends. Sophomore **Philip Grose** worked at Boyd Pontiac washing cars, but he only worked on Saturdays. **Angie Kimball**, also a sophomore, worked at the Henderson County Parks and Recreation Center only on weekends. Kimball said, "I think everybody should have a job they like because they will take more pride in what they do."

Sometimes students' jobs, even their first jobs, could be very stressful. Sophomores **Elizabeth Pippin** and **April Sorrells** kept score for recreation basketball. Sorrells and Pippin said, "The parents of all the players always yell at us because they don't think we know what we're doing."

But not everyone's first job was one that they got paid for. Many students did volunteer jobs in their community. Sophomore **Stephanie Cone** worked at the YMCA in Hendersonville caring for children. Cone said, "Working with children at the Y teaches you patience and understanding for them."

▪ **Money, money, money.** After school sophomore Chad Carter works as a head waiter at the Heritage House on Asheville Highway. Sophomores obtained jobs to earn money for cars, clothes, college and other items.



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Tonya Youngblood

Keith Allison
Laton Allison
Aaron Ammerman
Jerry Ard
Kim Atkins
Tim Austin
Criston Bagwell

Jason Bagwell
Marshall Bailey
Sandy Bailey
Joey Baldwin
Melissa Barnwell
Tim Barrett
Wendy Barton

Leaving all the rest behind, several skiers raced. . .

Down the slopes

Imagine the feeling of cold, icy wind blowing through your hair as you glide over moguls (small bumps of snow), dash in and out of gates, and finally "catch air" off a snow ramp. Some students at West Henderson would have feelings of anxiety and some might even be scared, but for two of West Henderson's students, juniors **Michael Crisp** and **Michael Meadows**, those images would bring thoughts of excitement and freedom. These students enjoyed skiing. Crisp said he loved to ski so much, he would even skip school to go: "If it snows, I'll go ski."

Crisp started skiing when he was about four years old. During the past 13 years, Crisp has skied practically from coast to coast. "I like to ski Sugar and Beech resorts in Boone, North Carolina, Wolf Laurel, Cataloochee (which went out of business, but somebody may rebuy it and open it again), Snowshoe in West Virginia, and out West I like to ski in Steamboat, Colorado. I try to go there for a once-a-year three-day trip."

Meadows had been skiing for three years, and his favorite ski resort was Winter Place, West Virginia.

Besides being exciting, Crisp has found a rewarding side to his skiing. "I've won two medals for racing at Steamboat in January of 1989, and that was only my first time. Since then I haven't been able to really race in competition, and win a medal. Sometimes races don't give out medals; even if you win, you don't get a medal. You get a piece of paper or something," Crisp said.

▪ **Swoosh.** During a competition at Steamboat, Colorado, junior Michael Crisp leans inwards on the edges of his skis to make the turn quicker around the gate. Crisp won two medals in the contest.

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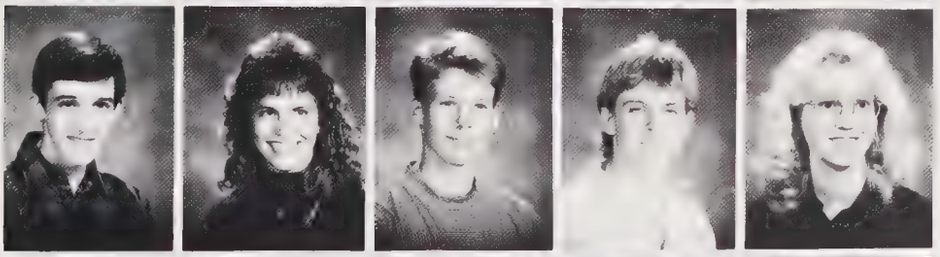

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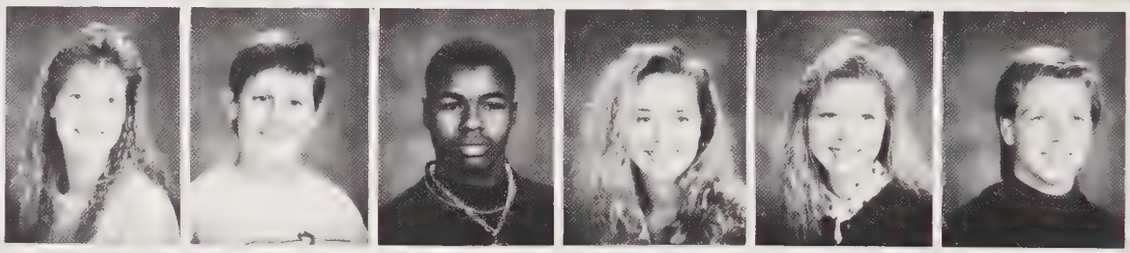

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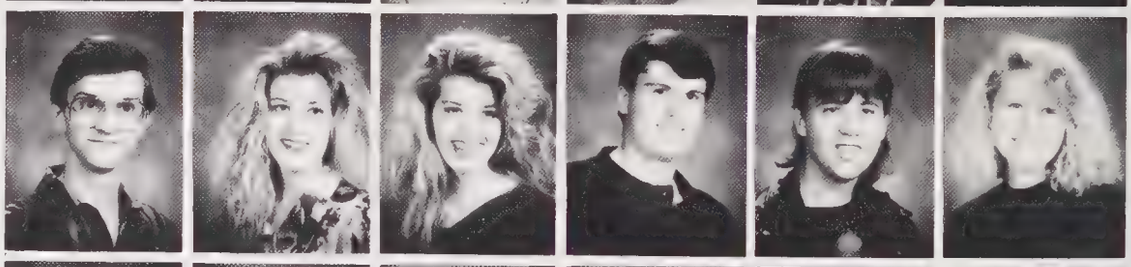

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Jennifer Georgia
Kim Gibbs
April Gibson

Laurel Gilbert
Scott Gilbert
Roger Gillespie
Adam Gilreath
Valorie Goldsmith
Stony Gonce
Susie Gonce

To avoid studying for tests, some students took the. . .

Easy way out

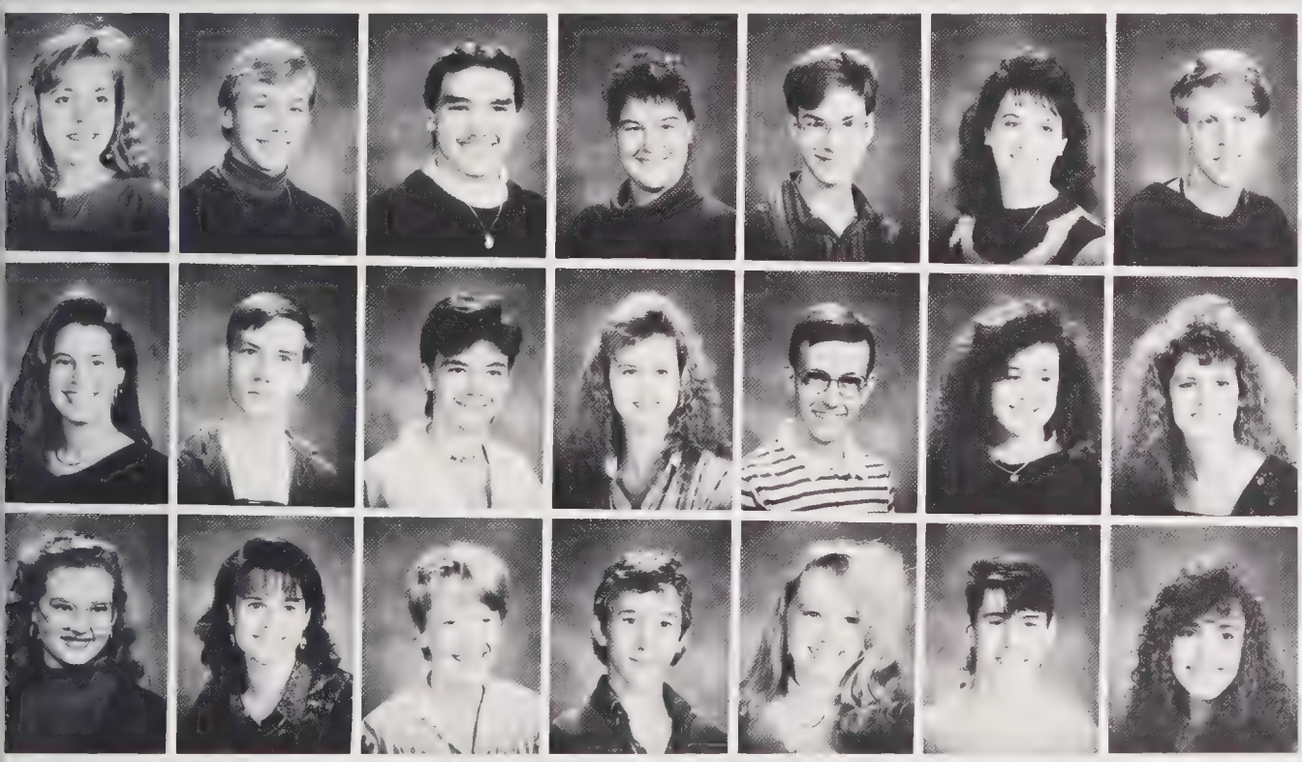
When involved in studying for English class, some students depended on Cliffs Notes. Whether or not these study guides were helpful was a matter of debate.

After reading a book, some students found it helpful to refer to Cliffs Notes. "They point out the main ideas and happenings in a book without your having to go through and find them yourself," junior **Nick Newell** said.

Some students had problems reading, and Cliffs Notes assisted them in understanding. English teacher **Jane Wood** said, "If they had actually read the book and had come to me and said 'I cannot make any sense of this or what's going on' that would be a good time for them to use it."

But Cliff Notes are considered only a summary and not a substitute for reading a book. "Cliffs Notes can help you find out about a book, but it can't compare to reading the book itself," junior **Shawn McKinney** said.

▪ **Test time.** Studying her English reading assignment, junior Alisa Powell refers to her notes. Some students preferred to use Cliffs Notes when they needed help understanding their literature assignments.



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Heather Harris

Amy Hatmaker
Amy Hawk
Josh Heald
Charles Hemphill
Sarah Hendricks
Cliff Hensley
Kim Hensley

Uphill and downhill, some junior bikers. . .

Keep on pedaling

Over the past few years biking has gained popularity as a pastime for Americans. Some of West Henderson's juniors were involved in biking as both a sport and a hobby. But the same dilemma faced them all — where to ride.

For those who saw biking as a serious sport, any road was game. Junior **Daniel Montgomery** found local terrain ideal for his training. "It's ideal for hill climbers and sprinters alike because the more hills you have the more power you're going to be needing to get up the hills. The bigger the gear that you train with to get up the hills, the more power you'll get out and the better you'll be at sprinting and hill climbing."

Students who rode for pleasure, however, had problems finding paths and had to use the highway. Junior **James McCall** saw the highway as a dangerous last resort. "It's pretty dangerous to ride on a highway because you have cars and stuff in your way and everything. I had to get off on the side of the road to avoid some accidents a couple of times, but that's when you don't have anywhere else to ride, you just train on the highway."

But the juniors did not think bicycles belonged at school. Junior **Ryan Bayne** said, "For exercise, biking is okay, but for everyday transportation, no." Some students had problems with biking as a form of transportation, but thought it was good for health reasons. Junior **Julie Etherton** said, "I think that riding a bicycle is very good exercise, but I would definitely not ride a bicycle to school, especially if I had a car."

▪ **Dual racing.** Junior James McCall and his father relax before the start of a dual race up a mountain. In dual racing the partners stop in the middle of the race to switch bikes and then continue with the race.

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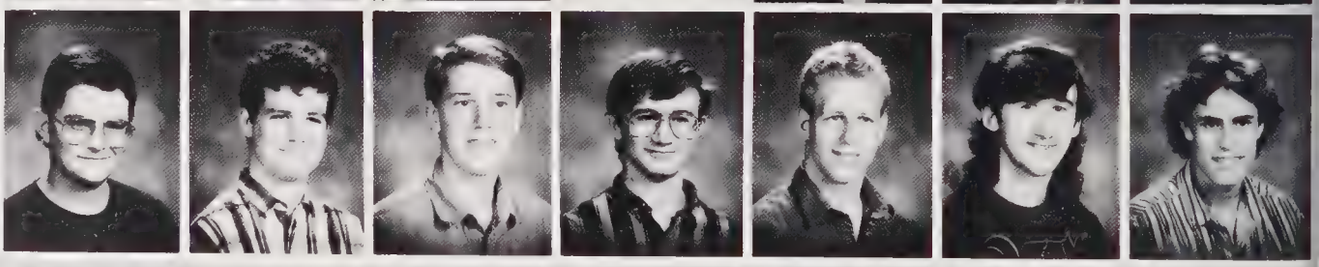

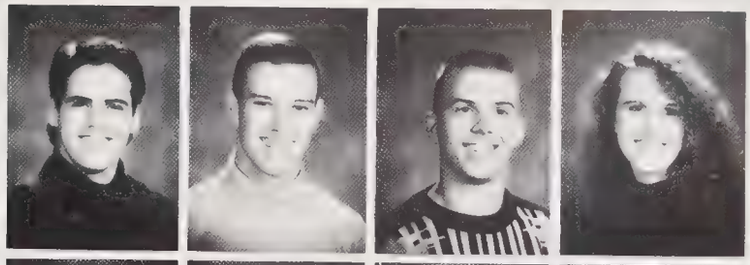

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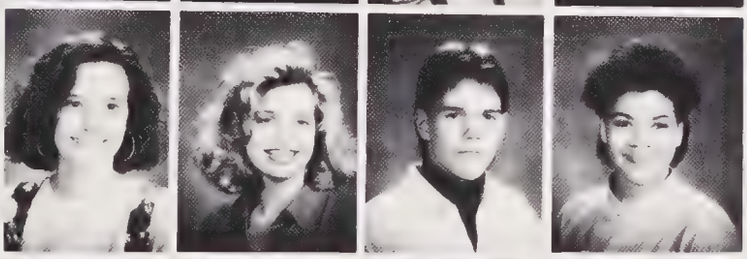

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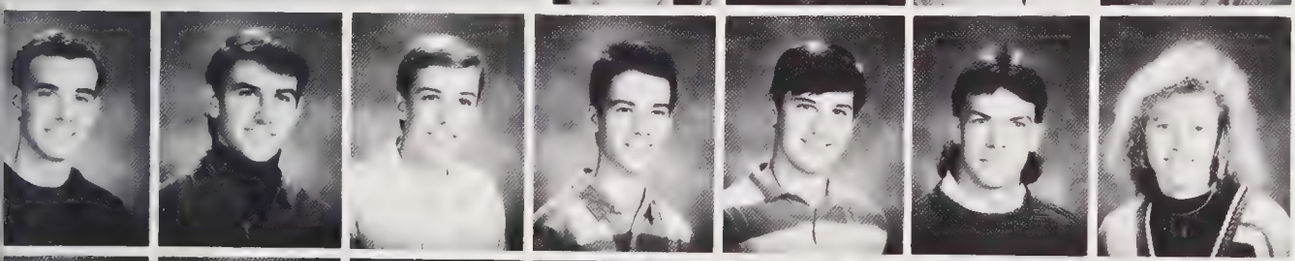

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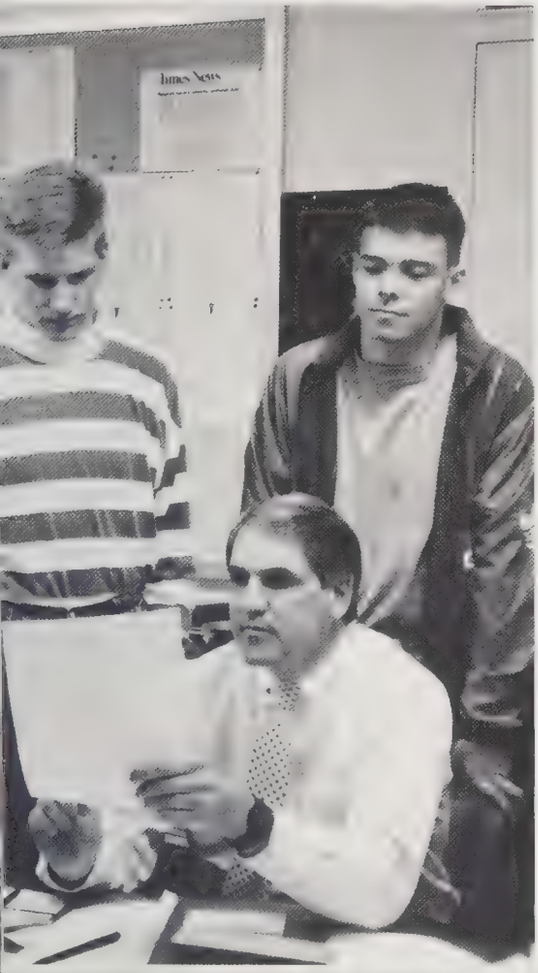


Students who transferred from other schools contributed to. . .

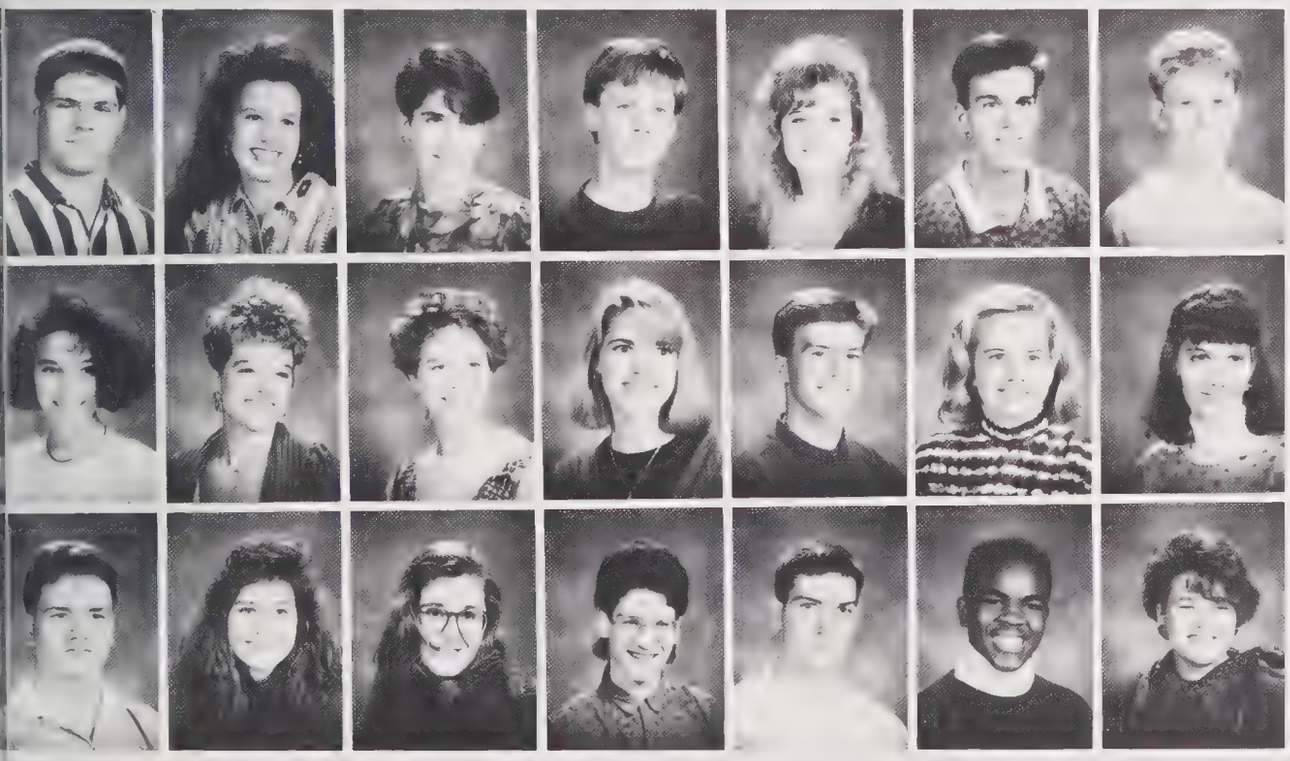
Westward expansion

Juniors **Gabe Mathews**, **Brian Strange**, and **Sean Nix** were among the students who experienced West Henderson for the first time. Nix and Strange were formerly students at Hendersonville High School while Mathews transferred from East Henderson.

For one reason or another each thought that West had the qualities they wanted in a school. Mathews said, "I didn't enjoy East; there was no school pride, and it wasn't fun like school was supposed to be." Strange said his reasons for leaving were similar: "I didn't like the attitude of the school, and I wanted to play football for a class program." Nix said he also transferred for football. "Football is more competitive here," he said.

Transferring to a new school involved many requirements. Moving into the West Henderson district or getting the transfer approved by the school board was necessary.

▪ **Moving West.** Changing from other high schools to West Henderson, juniors Brian Strange, Gabe Mathews, and Sean Nix listen to Mike Mathews, assistant principal, explain the county's policies regarding student transfers.



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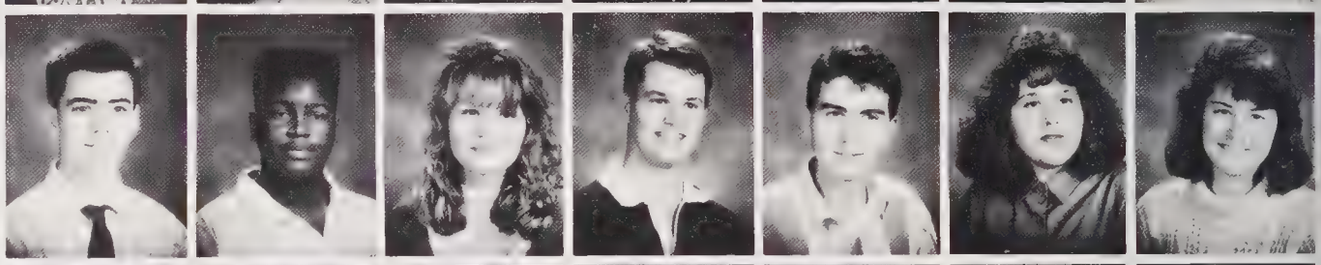

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Betsy Wood
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After a few adjustments, West Henderson became home for. . .

Five foreign faces

Some new faces joined those familiar to West Henderson for the 1990-91 school year. The five foreign exchange students included **Charley Kramer** from Denmark, **Patrick Jacobsen** from Germany, **Ignacio Abellan Diaz** and **Alejandra Sanmarti** from Spain, and **Maya Cruzada** from the Philippines. Arriving in the United States involved many changes for these students.

"The Spanish food is very different. In Spain the people cook every day, and here I think that the people prefer to buy fast food," Diaz said.

School is also different. "In Germany you can choose the subjects that you take. Last year, I had 14 subjects to take, so it was harder," Jacobsen said. Diaz agreed: "This high school is easier than Spanish schools, but the Spanish people have to study very much because in June we have to pass a test, or we have to repeat the year."

Among the most difficult adjustments was living without family and friends. "I miss my family and my brothers because here I live only with my host mother. I miss my friends, too," Sanmarti said.

▪ **Comparing notes.** Exchange students Patrick Jacobsen and Maya Cruzada share stories about their experiences at West Henderson.

▪ **Foreign exchange students.** Ignacio Abellan Diaz, Spain; Alejandra Sanmarti, Spain; Patrick Jacobsen, Germany; Maya Cruzada, the Philippines; Charley Kramer, Denmark.

A new parking policy for student drivers. . .

Made it stick

One of the biggest changes the administration made for the 1990-91 school year was requiring students to buy parking stickers for two dollars each. There were blue stickers for seniors and red stickers for juniors.

The penalty for juniors who parked in the senior lot was the loss of driving privileges for a period of time or a fine of approximately five dollars for first-time offenders. After the first time, then the driver lost his driving privileges. "The only positive thing from the stickers is that they keep the juniors from parking in the senior lot," **Brenda Orris** said.

The parking stickers were successful and will continue in the future, **Mike Mathews,** assistant principal, said. "We've had very few problems with people not having stickers. I just really want to compliment our student body in that regard because they've been extremely cooperative and we're super proud of them for that."

Students, however, had their own opinions about the car stickers. **Wes Crawford** said, "I don't like them because we're seniors and we're leaving and they're going to be stuck on our cars forever. Also, when you go to an away game, everybody knows where you're from. It seems like they're using this as a fund raiser."

Other students said that they would pay extra for better parking advantages. **Tim Eplee** said, "If I really wanted to pay for a parking sticker, I'd pay a little extra and get an assigned parking space." Some of the student body liked the stickers because they saved students from embarrassment. **Jennifer Bell** said, "I think they're good — I don't think they're all that necessary, but it's better than having to make a schoolwide announcement to find the owner of a car. It's embarrassing! The stickers help to avoid doing that to find the owner. I'd rather pay two dollars for a parking sticker and having the number on record under my name than have that happen to me."

▪ **Stick to it.** To start the new school year off right, senior Stacey McCall puts a senior parking sticker on her car so she can drive to school. All student drivers were required to purchase stickers for two dollars.

▪ **Following the rules.** While selling a parking sticker, assistant principal Mike Mathews explains to senior Jonathan Bryant where to put the sticker. Stickers had to be placed on the windshield on the passenger side of the car.

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Joanne Banks

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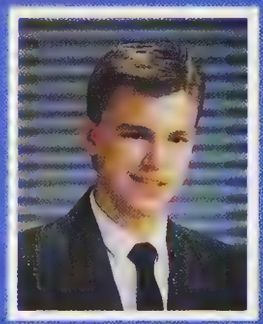
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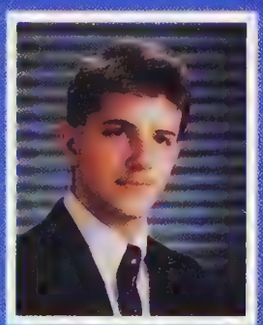
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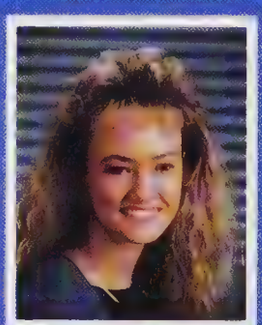
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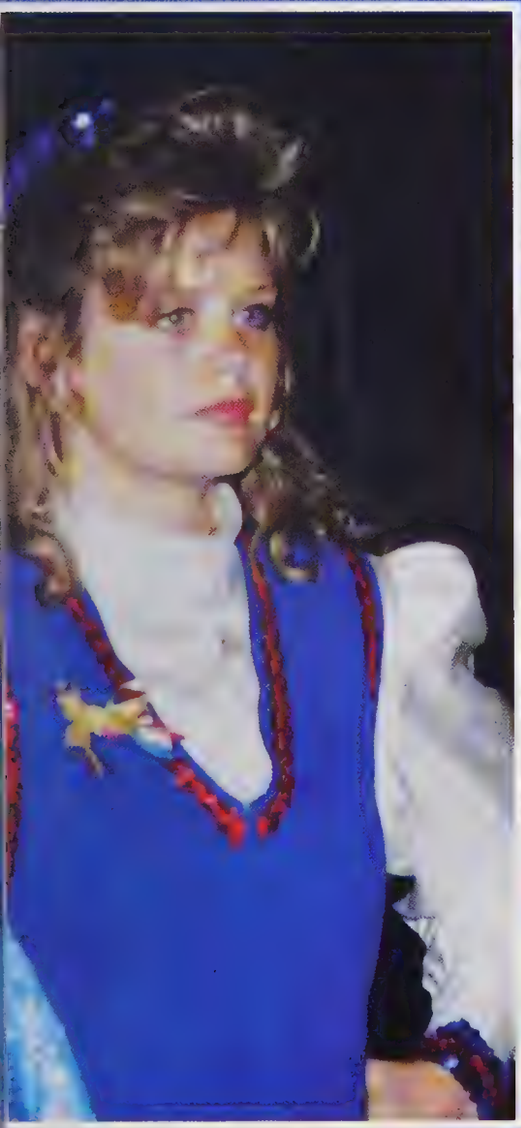

Unusual names and embarrassing mispronunciations were the. . .

Name of the game

It's the first day of school and every teacher you have calls out your "full" name while taking the roll. Fellow classmates turn around and snicker as you slowly raise your hand to indicate it is you she is calling on. Completely embarrassed, you then say clearly the name you prefer to be called. Now every person in the school knows what your "real" name is.

Many West Henderson students had mixed feelings about their names. "I don't like my name because people always laugh at it, but, on the other hand, I do like it because it is so unique," senior **Jolie Edwina Jenkins** said. Many students felt their names were unique. "I like my name because it is different, and when a teacher asks me a question, three other people don't call out the answer, too," senior **Summer Leanne Huntley** said. Senior **Zoro Joseph Guice** had a similar view point: "I like my name because it is different from my friends' and I've gotten used to the jokes, so it doesn't bother me very much."

Last names provided many opportunities for mispronunciations. "It's funny to hear teachers try to pronounce my name on the first day of school because they pronounce it wrong," senior **Tiffany Hajduk** said. "When the office calls over the intercom, everyone in the class laughs."

Some students' names were family names passed down from another generation. "I was named after my father, and I like that even if others laugh at it," senior **Barry Eugene Graham** said. Having a family name gave some students a sense of pride. "I feel proud to have my father's name," Guice said.

▪ **Marching one by one.** After the halftime performance concludes, Flag Corps member Summer Huntley leaves the field in a single file line with the rest of the band members.

▪ **Signing out.** Following the correct procedure to leave school early, senior Jennifer Bell writes her name on the sign out sheet in the office after presenting her early dismissal slip.

With gas prices rising rapidly, some seniors decided to. . .

Double up

Carpooling became very popular among seniors at West Henderson during the year for a variety of reasons. "I carpool so I don't have to ride the bus," **Sharon Gilbert** said. **Jimmy Strickland** carpooled for another reason: "Since the Middle East has been having problems, gas prices seem to be rising higher. It makes it harder to pay for gas." By carpooling, seniors could share the expense of gas prices and cut down on car maintenance.

For some seniors carpooling provided a great opportunity to congregate with friends. **Eric Fedak** said, "You get to talk with your friends, find out your homework, and everything."

Sometimes getting a carpool together was a little more difficult for some than it was for others. "It took a while to get a couple of people to share the responsibility, but after we carpooled for a couple of weeks we found it saved a lot of money," **Lesley Williams** said.

Most parents liked the carpooling idea. Fedak said, "My parents thought it was a good idea because they didn't have to pay for so much gas every week.

And carpooling had another advantage for students who did not enjoy getting assigned detention halls for being tardy to school. "I carpool so I can get to class on time. Knowing that I have to pick someone up gets me moving in the morning," **Chad Greene** said.

Some seniors at West Henderson did not like carpooling. "You're always in a rush because if you're late you're late picking everyone else up; then they're late," **Lora Wilson** said. Some seniors just thought carpooling was too much of a hassle. **Brian White** said, "Carpooling wastes the driver's time."

▪ **Sharing the privilege.** Due to the increase in gas prices, seniors Scott Vaughn and Carl Freeman choose to carpool. Many others also found it necessary to ride together to school.

▪ **Money for nothing.** On a rainy October morning, senior Susan Ray discovers her gas gauge on empty. Students found the high gas prices a financially painful reality.

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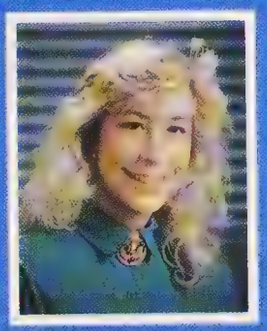
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Linette Laughter

Laura Letterman

While some students were wasting time, senior Stephen Wells was. . .

Drumming it up

Rock and roll groups, marching bands, and orchestras have at least one thing in common. They all have drummers, known professionally as percussionists. West Henderson had one of the best percussionists in North Carolina — **Stephen Wells**. Wells, who also played with the Hendersonville and Asheville symphonies, was a member of the state honors orchestra and the all-state band. He also attended Brevard Music Center during the summers before his junior and senior years. Junior **John Perry** said, "If I could be like anybody, any kind of drummer, it would probably be Stephen because he hasn't been playing for all that long, but still he's really good."

Wells, a senior, started playing percussion in seventh grade, although he really didn't think of getting serious until he finished ninth grade. Wells said, "When I was little, I used to always want to play drums; I used to beat on everything in the house." He got his first drum set in the eighth grade.

John Dickson, director of the band at West Henderson, said, "With the background and the way Stephen's work habits have become since he's been here, and hopefully with some of our guidance, but more importantly with the guidance of his private teacher, he could be basically anything he wants to be. He wants to play professionally, and I don't think that's not achievable at all. I think he has a great possibility of playing professionally."

Wells was the leader of the percussion section in the band. "As with anything, we've got some serious percussionists, not as serious as Steve, but guys that work very hard such as Rowdy Perry, Chris Zinc, and Marty McCall, and you know Steve is a big aid to them," Dickson said.

After high school Wells planned to attend a music conservatory or a four-year college to continue his music study. And he hoped to play professionally.

▪ **A set up.** In preparation for the homecoming pep rally, senior Stephen Wells gets ready to play his drums for the Turkey Queen Contest.

▪ **Vote of confidence.** During a football game, senior Stephen Wells leads the percussion section in a victory song.

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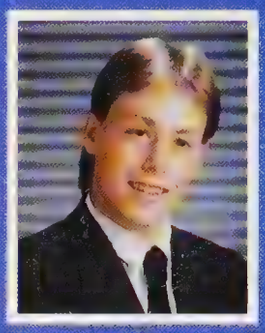
Merrill Livingston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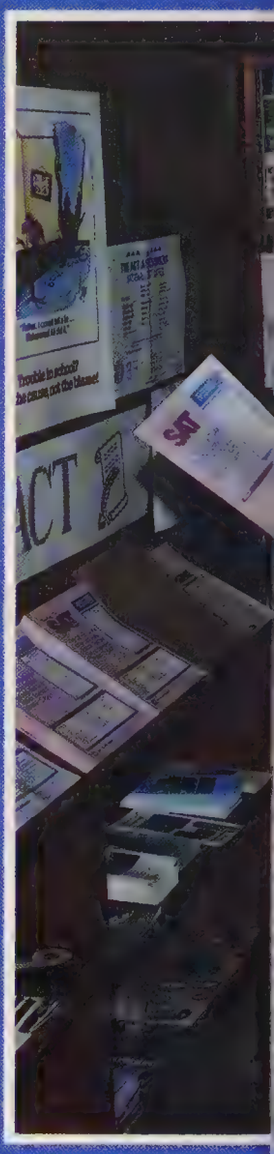

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Under pressure to get into college, seniors faced the. . .

Test of all tests

Only one thing brought seniors to school "willingly" on a Saturday — the Scholastic Aptitude Test, otherwise known as the SAT. The test was given at West Henderson in June and November.

The SAT was made up of mathematics and verbal questions. The mathematics section had problems ranging from finding the area of a geometrical figure to value comparisons. **Linda Soble**, an Algebra II teacher, passed out SAT-type questions every Friday to her students. "A little practice never hurt anybody," she said. Senior **Claudine Dills,** an Algebra II student, agreed: "The problems helped us learn and practice certain problems that would be on the test."

On the other half of the SAT, the verbal section, the problems ranged from reading comprehension to verbal analogies. **Janice Anderson,** chairman of the English department, said "We begin in the tenth grade by giving the students a copy of the 101 most frequently tested words on the SAT and with worksheets on analogies so students will better understand what an analogy is."

SAT scores were an important criteria for college admissions. According to *The College Handbook,* the average SAT scores at Harvard were 670 verbal/ 700 mathematical. Closer to home, Duke had an average of 625 verbal/ 685 mathematical; N.C. State 480 verbal/560 mathematical; and the University of North Carolina at Asheville 450 verbal/485 mathematical.

West Henderson's SAT scores averaged 418 on the verbal section and 463 on the mathematics section, better than the state average. But N.C. Carolina beat out only one state — South Carolina.

▪ **Helping hand.** In order to help senior Shane Neill register to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test, guidance counselor Lynn Moore tells him how to fill out the forms. Many seniors who planned to go to college took the SAT twice.

▪ **Wising up.** While preparing to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test, senior Krissy Peterson uses a computer program designed to help students practice answering SAT questions. Larry Ashcraft, West Henderson's computer teacher, kept the computer lab open after school for students to use the program.

Shane Neill

Heather Nordlund

Chris Norris

Bryan Orr

Brenda Orris

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Wendy Parker

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Jason Perdue

Krissy Peterson

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Christina Planck

Kerri Poppleton

Amy Pressley

Susan Ray

Tana Rector

Kelly Redick

Scott Rehm

Lorraine Reptsis

Lori Rice

Dwayne Robinson

Rodney Robinson

Steven Saldutti

Heidi Schermerhorn

William Seagraves

Julie Shaner

Filling out applications and writing essays, seniors had to work hard to. . .

Go for the money

Application forms for colleges and scholarships were a major task for seniors planning to continue their education. Filling out the forms, writing the essays, and occasionally going for interviews made the process seem overwhelming and threatening.

Greg Price, the guidance counselor who helped seniors, said that about half of the scholarships students applied for required them to write essays. "Essays are a part of many scholarships because the people judging the forms are looking for two things, the intellectual ability of the candidate and a formulated opinion on the candidate without having to meet the person."

Sometimes the essay requirement kept students from applying for scholarships. "Some have a fear of writing it, but most are just plain lazy," Price said. "Essays shouldn't prevent people from applying for scholarhips."

Among the more popular scholarships was the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's essay contest open to all seniors in the county. Some English teachers required students to enter by writing a research paper on a topic related to alcoholism. Another scholarship competition that required a writing sample was the Century 21 contest.

A number of seniors took advantage of the opportunities to apply for scholarships. Price helped out by publishing scholarship bulletins to let students know about deadlines and requirements. **Michael Thornburg** said, "Scholarships are good for people who want to learn but don't have the money. It gives them a chance to get an education beyond high school."

▪ **Do you see what I see?** During a break from classes, seniors Danny Morgan and Joel Jorgensen check to find out what scholarships have been posted on the bulletin board outside of the guidance office.

Some students scribbled their way through life, but Kelly Lanning was. . .

Drawing her future

Talent is defined as a special, often creative or artistic, aptitude. And when students at West Henderson thought of artistic ability, they often thought of senior **Kelly Lanning.**

Lanning's drawings could be found far beyond West Henderson's boundaries. Her designs for an equine artist could be found in Kentucky, her drawings for a jewelry catalog done for Maylin Baley, wife of Richard Colgan, carpentry teacher, were taken to Boston for a jewelry show, and her art works could be purchased at art shows all around. Lanning said, "I've made enough for college, if I spend it for that."

Lanning was in Art IV, taught by **Pat Worsham.** "I feel like Kelly is very gifted, has a very deep, natural gift for drawing and painting," Worsham said.

Lanning admired such artists as Georgia O'Keefe and Vegas. "I like O'Keefe because I liked her style and Vegas because he liked to draw horses and dancers like I do," she said.

Lanning said, "I would like to be a teacher, but I want to be a teacher because it should give me enough time to do my art as a sideline. But I don't want to major in art because if I went into it full time, I think I would drain out my interest in it." She said her parents support her. "Whatever I want to do or need, they help me with my shows and transporting my art back and forth. I love art; I don't draw modern art, things that are purely fantasy, but I try to incorporate a little fantasy in things that are real," Lanning said.

Worsham said, "Kelly has got a lot of ability and creativity, and I think she'll put it to good use in her future."

▪ **Plenty of talent.** As a major project for art class, senior Kelly Lanning sketches a basket of vegetables and presents it to the class. Lanning's talent was recognized by several colleges that asked her to participate in their art programs.

▪ **A few pointers.** Art teacher Pat Worsham gives senior Kelly Lanning a suggestion for perfecting her drawing.

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Tammy Southerland

Billy Stallings

Jimmy Strickland

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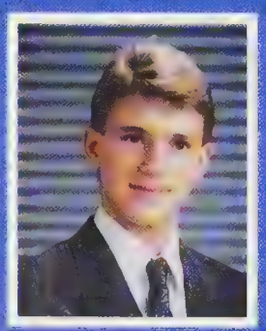
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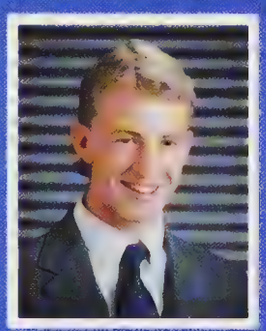
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Joining clubs and other activities helped two seniors get. . .

Into everything

Trying to balance school, extra-curricular activities, and a job was not easy; add in church and volunteer work in the community and it became even harder. A few students at West Henderson managed to do it.

One, senior **Laura Letterman**, had been involved in many clubs since her sophomore year. She was president of Key Club, vice president of Students Against Driving Drunk, treasurer of National Honor Society, and was a member of Wings, Nature Club, the morning prayer group and Student Council. In addition, she was the school's representative on the county's teen-age pregnancy prevention advisory board. She trick-or-treated for canned goods, she worked with Operation Yellow Ribbon for the armed forces in Kuwait, and she helped feed and clothe needy children. She also helped to organize a recycling project while at Governor's School, resulting in approximately 17,000 aluminum cans being recycled.

"All the activities I am involved in do not leave much time for myself, but I enjoy and get a lot out of what I do," Letterman said.

Another senior who was involved in both the school and community was **Joan Turpin**. She was the leader of the morning prayer group, secretary of National Honor Society, president of SADD, and a member of Key Club. Turpin's community work was similar to Letterman's. Both sponsored a child through Compassion International.

"Organizing all these events takes a lot of time, but Laura and I work together on many of them, so that makes it easier," Turpin said.

▪ **Morning meetings.** Getting ready for a SADD meeting, president Joan Turpin, a senior, calls the members to order to watch a video on drunken driving. SADD met on Wednesdays before school.

▪ **Coin collecting.** To collect money for Key Club to give to the Boys' and Girls' Home, senior Laura Letterman asks junior Bo Dobson to contribute his money. Key Club members participated in several service projects.

Not pictured

Sean Bagwell
Erich Cabe
Mark Capps
Daniel Case
Michael Crisp
Shawn Easter
Sean Guilmette
Gary Heeman
Jason Hill
Tammy Hitch
Kris Jackson
Floyd Ledford
James Newman
Reagan Perry
Chris Robertson
Rachel Robertson
Christina Stanley
Fred Stepp
Richard Stinger
Scott Vaughn
Brad Welch
Jeff Wiggins
Greg Wisda
Christy York

Many members of the Class of '91 got involved, but they voted 20 students. . .

Senior Superlatives

The 20 students who were voted senior superlatives by the Class of '91 said they considered the recognition an honor since they were selected by their peers. The categories were Mr. and Miss Senior, most likely to succeed, most unique, most flirtatious, best dressed, most school spirited, friendliest, most involved, most athletic, and most talented.

"I was happy that this honor was given to me, and it will be one of the things I'll remember best about my senior year," Miss Senior, **Candace Dills**, said. Mr. Senior, **Jay Young**, said, "I'm very honored that this class thinks this highly of me."

Some recipients wanted everyone in the senior class to receive awards, such as **Kristi McClung**, most likely to succeed. "It's nice to be honored, but there are many people in the senior class who could succeed just as well as me at anything they choose to do."

Jennifer Keefe, most school spirited, said, "I'm happy that the senior class feels this way about me. I hope that through my school spirit others will see that people in a wheelchair can also have fun."

"It's nice to be honored by my classmates as friendliest, especially when there are very many friendly people at West Henderson," **Christina Moore** said. **Brenda Orris**, most flirtatious girl, said, "I think it is very good that we have superlatives because it shows how we feel about our friends' personalities."

Others had some reservations about voting for superlatives. **Scott Lanning**, most unique, said, "Personally, I don't like them much because you can't pick someone out and call them the friendliest."

Mr. and Miss Senior

Jay Young

Candace Dills

Most Likely to Succeed

Billy Stallings Kristi McClung

A

Atkinson, Kimberly. Wrestling Statistician. 10, 12; HERO 11, 12.

B

Bagwell, Sean. "Bags" J.V. Basketball 10; Cross Country 10, 11; SADD 12.
Baldwin, Mark. Track 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 11, 12; VICA 10, 11, 12; Nature Club 12.
Banks, Crystal. "Chris" J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Softball 10, 11, 12; Dance Club 10, 11; Who's Who 12; Wings 11; Advanced Chorus, 12.
Banks, Jo Anne.
Barber, Cynthia. HERO 11, 12.
Barnes, Misti. J.V. Basketball 10; VICA 11, President 12.
Barnett, Mary. "Betsy" HOSA 11, Vice President 12.
Bartlett, Robert. FFA 11, 12.
Bell, Barry. "Buck" Varsity Basketball 11, 12; J.V. Basketball 10; Cross Country 10, 11.
Bell, Jennifer. FCA 11; Key Club 11; Varsity Softball 11, 12; Varsity Tennis Captain 12.
Bencivenga, Kimberly. DECA 10, 11.
Berger, Stacey. "Berg" Varsity Tennis 11, 12; VICA 12.
Blythe, Brenda. HERO, Recreational Leader 11.
Bock, Adrianna. Key Club 10, Treasurer 11, Vice President 12; FCA 10; Band 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 10, 11, Captain 12; Baseball Diamond Girl 10, Baseball Stat. 11; Student Council 12; SADD 12; Adv. Chorus 12.
Bradshaw, Tim. "Gomer" Who's Who 11.
Bratu, Chuck. "Copper Top" Varsity Basketball 11, 12; J.V. Basketball 10; Who's Who 11; Key Club 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12.
Brown, Rebecca. "Becky" HERO 11, 12.
Brown, Brigetta. "Bridget" WINGS 11; FBLA 11, 12; Thespians 11; Drama Club 11.
Brown, Jennifer. "Jen" FCA 11; SADD 11; Band 10, 11, Section Leader 12; Advanced Chorus 12; Student Council 11.
Bryant, Daniel. "Danny" VICA 12.
Bryant , Jonathan. "Boss."
Bryson, Ricky. J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; FCA 11, 12.
Buchanan, Randy. VICA 11, 12.
Bullard, Aaron. Band 10, 11, 12; All-State Band 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Who's Who 12.
Burkholder, Melissa. "Mel" Actor's Inc. 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; Who's Who 11, 12.
Byrd, Monica. Varsity Softball 10; Varsity Baseball Statistician. 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, Vice President 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Falcon Pride 11, 12; Strings 10, 11, 12; Advanced Chorus 12; Who's Who 12; Nature Club 12.

C

Cabe, Erich. "Muscles" J.V. Football 10; Wrestling 12.
Cairnes, Tammy.
Cantrell, Jeanette. Chorus 10, 12; HERO 11, 12.
Capps, Mark. "Skeeter" VICA.
Carland, Kevin. Junior Marshall 11.
Carver, C.J.
Case, Daniel. "Danny" VICA 10, 11,12.
Caudill, James. "Spider" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Who's Who 11; Wrestling 10, 11; FCA 10, 11, 12.
Clark, Rodney. "Hot Rod" FFA 12.
Cox, Julie. Dance 10, 11, 12.
Cox, Julie. HERO, Parliamentarian 12; Chorus 12; HOSA 12; FFA 12.
Cox, Shelley. HOSA 11, 12.
Cox, Tim. FFA 10, 11, Treasurer 12.
Crawford, Wes. "Wes the Chicken" FCA 10, 12; Actor's Inc. 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball Statistician 11, 12; J.V. Football 11; Beginning Chorus 12; Track 11, 12; Big Bird 12.
Crisp, Mike. FFA 12.
Crocker, William. Varsity Football 10, Captain 11, 12; MAC All Conference Varsity Football 11, 12; All Area Team Varsity Football 11; Varsity Basketball 10, 11, Captain 12; All Conference Basketball 12; Varsity Track 10; Who's Who 12; I Dare You Award 11; National Honor Society 12; Key Club 12; WINGS 11.

D

Dalton, Angel. J.V. Cheerleader 10; HOSA, Reporter/Historian 11, 12; Who's Who 11, 12; Dance 10, 11, 12.
Dellinger, Melinda. Theater I 10; Beginning Chorus 12; HERO, Secretary 12; Child Care 11, 12.
Dills, Candace. "Cans" J.V. Cheerleading 10; Varsity Cheerleading 11, Co-Captain 12; Softball 10; FCA 10; Student Council 10; Pep Club 10, 11; Homecoming Court 10, 11, Homecoming Queen 12; Who's Who 11, 12.
Dills, Claudine. "Claude" FCA 10; Pep Club 10, 11; Homecoming Court 12.
Drown, April. HOSA 11, 12.
Dusinberre, Richard. "Richie" VICA 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10, 11, 12; J.V. Football 11; Baseball 11, 12.

Most Unique

Laura Shoemaker Scott Lanning

E

Easter, Shawn. "Thrash."
Edwards, Chris. "Hair" DECA 10, Secretary 11, President 12; Varsity Basketball Announcer 11, 12; Jazz Band 11.
Eplee, Brittany. FBLA 11; FHA 12; Who's Who 12.
Eplee, Tim.

F

Fann, Claudia. Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, Captain 12; All Conference Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 12; Key Club 11, 12; FCA 10, 11; National Honor Society 12.
Fedak, Eric. J.V. Football 11; Who's Who 12.
Foti, Tim. "Sax" Marching Band 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 10, 11, 12; All State 10, First Chair 11, 12; Jazz Band 10, 11, First Chair 12; Nature Club 10, 11; Actor's Inc. 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; SADD 11.
Foyles, Jody. J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Varsity Track 10, 11; J.V. Basketball 10; Who's Who 12; Key Club 11, 12.
Frady, Shane. J.V. Football 10; FBLA 10; Baseball 10.
Frankum, Monica. FHA 10; Office Aid 12.
Freeman, Carl. Who's Who 12; A. Craig Philips Youth Institute 10.

G

Gardner, Jana. J.V. Football Cheerleading, Captain 10; J.V. Basketball Cheerleading 10; Cross Country 10; Track 10; Varsity Football Cheerleading 11, Captain 12; Student Council 12; Student Body Treasurer 12; Pep Club 10, 11; Homecoming Court 12; Who's Who 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11; *Westwind* Staff 11, Co-Editor of Student Life 12; Quill and Scroll 12.
Garren, Pamela. "Pam" Special Olympics 10, 11, 12.
Gash, Donnie. J.V. Football 10, Basketball Manager 11, 12; HOSA 12.
Gasperson, Karen. *Wingspan* Staff 10, News Editor 11, Senior Assistant Editor 12; Who's Who 12; Varsity Tennis 12; Key Club 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12.
Gilbert, Sharon. Actor's Inc. 12.
Glover, David. "Bozo" FFA 10, 11.
Gonce, Roger. "Mr. Involvement."
Pam Goode. FFA 10, 11, 12; HERO 12.
Gore, Marianne. Band 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; SADD 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 12; FBLA 12.
Graham, Barry. "Mole" Band 10; VICA 11, Historian 12; FBLA 11, President 12; Student Council 12; Key Club 12.
Greene, Chad. "Chadwick" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11; FFA 10, 11, Vice President 12; Student Council, Class Vice President 10, Treasurer 11, Student Body Vice President 12; Who's Who 12; Varsity Track 10.
Griffin, John.
Guice, Joseph. "Joe" J.V. Football 10, Varsity Football 11, 12; Track 10.
Guilmette, Sean. VICA 11, Who's Who 12.

H

Harris, Rhonda. HERO 11, President 12.
Hart, Thomas. "Hart Foundation" VICA 11, Vice President 12.
Hazel, Kim.
Heeman, Gary. Actor's Inc. 10, 11, 12; Thespians 12; Sports Information Director: Basketball, Baseball 12.
Henderson, Mark.
Hendricks, Timothy.
Hensley, Aaron. FFA 10, 11, 12; VICA 12.
Hensley, April. "Beaker" FFA 10, 11, 12; HOSA 12; FHA 12.
Hensley, Michael. "Red" Varsity Soccer 11; VICA 10, 11, 12; FFA 12; FCA 10.
Hill, Jason.
Hitch, Tammy. HERO 11, Treasurer 12.
Hoffman, Heather.
Howell, Trina. DECA 10; Strings 10, 11.
Huntley, Heather. J.V. Volleyball 10; Varsity Volleyball 11, 12; Varsity Softball 11, 12.
Huntley, Summer. J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Softball 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 10, 11, 12; Advanced Chorus 12.
Hutchinson, Victor.

I

Ishikawa, Keiko. Who's Who 11; HOSA 12.

J

Jackson, Kristopher. "Kris."
Jenkins, Jolie. "Jol" J.V. Volleyball, Captain 10; Varsity Volleyball 11, 12; Varsity Softball 10, 11, 12; J.V. Cheerleading 10; Varsity Cheerleading 12; Dance Club 10, 11, 12; Nature Club 12; Who's Who 11, 12; Student Coucil, Class President 10, 11, Student Body President 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; America's Pride, President 12; FBLA 12; Teen Center Board 10, 11, 12.
Johnson, Brandon. "Bruno" Varsity Soccer 10, 11, 12.
Johnson, B.J. Wrestling 10, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 12; VICA 10, 11.
Jones, Mark. FFA 11.
Jones, Nancy. "Nanc" Track 10, 11; Student Council 11, Secretary 12; Varsity Football Cheerleading 11, 12; Varsity Basketball Cheerleading 11, Captain 12; Who's Who 11; FCA 11; Key Club 11; FBLA 10.
Jorgensen, Joel. Varsity Football 10, 11.

K

Keefe, Jennifer. "Jen" FCA 10, 11, 12; HOSA 12; FHA 10, County President 11; SADD 11; Student Council 11; Advanced Chorus 11, 12; Beginning Chorus 10; Actor's Inc. 11.
Kirtley, Kris. Key Club 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; Baseball 10; Cross Country 11, 12; Wrestling 10, 11, 12.
Kisner, Brian. "Brick" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; J.V. Basketball 10; Key Club 11; SADD 10, 11; FCA 11, 12.
Kroger, Bobbi Joe. "Barbie" FBLA 11, Treasurer 12; Dance Club 10, 11.

L

Lanning, Kelly. Key Club 11; Winner's Circle 12; Shakespeare Now 12.
Lanning, Scott.
Laughter, Linette. "Sgetti" FBLA 10, 11, Treasurer 12; WINGS 11; Dance Club 10, 11.
Ledford, Floyd. Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 10, 11.
Letterman, Laura. "La La" Key Club, Sophomore Board Director 10, Secretary 11, President 12; SADD 11, Vice

Most Flirtatious

Brenda Orris — Shane Neill

President 12; Nature Club, Vice President 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, Treasurer 12; WINGS 11, 12; Prayer Group 11, 12; Stage Band 11, 12; Marching Band 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 12.

Levi, Kelly. "Levi" Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Nature Club 12; SADD 10; J.V. Basketball Stat. 11; Varsity Basketball 12; Who's Who 12; J.V. Football Cheerleader 10; WINGS 11.

Lyda, Scott. J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Varsity Baseball 11, 12; J.V. Basketball 10.

M

Marlowe, Kelley. J.V. Volleyball 10; Varsity Volleyball 11, Captain 12; Varsity Basketball 10; Track 10; Key Club 10, President 11, Lt. Governor 12; Student Council 12; Nature Club 12; FCA 10, Vice President 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Who's Who 11; *Westwind* Staff 11, Co-Editor 12; Quill and Scroll 12.

Marshall, Krista. Softball 10, 11, 12; Basketball Stat. 11, 12; Pep Club 10, 11.

Martin, Tammy. FBLA 11, 12; Chorus 10, 11.

Massingale, Zane.

May, Chris. "Prayer Warrior" FBLA 10; Key Club 11, 12; Pep Club 11; FCA 11; SADD 11; Junior Varsity Basketball Statistician 11.

Mazalic, Frank. VICA 12.

McCall, Christopher. "Chris" VICA 10, 11, 12.

McCall, Kevin.

McCall, Patrick.

McCall, Stacey. "Space" HOSA 11; FFA 12; Dance Club 10, 12; FHA, President 12.

McClung, Kristi. Interact 10; Actor's Inc. 10, 11; SADD 10, 11; National Honor Society 11, President 12; Key Club 11, 12; Who's Who 11.

McCormick, Staci. J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Varsity Softball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Football Statistician 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Nature Club, Treasurer 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 11.

McCrary, David. Golf, 10, 11; Marching Band 10, 11, 12; Concert Band, 10, 11, 12.

McLemore, Kelly. HOSA 11; FBLA 10; Adv. Chorus 11; Beginning Chorus 10.

Medley, Cherise. "Reese" Varsity Softball 10, 11, 12; *Westwind* Staff 10, 11, Student Life Editor 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Key Club 12.

Meibers, Karri. Track 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10; Who's Who 12; Student Council 10, Secretary 12; Key Club 10, 12; Nature Club 12; Dance Club 10, 11, 12.

Mellard, Sheila. Marching Band 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 10, 11, 12; SADD 11, Secretary/Treasurer 12; Key Club 11, 12; HERO 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; Nature Club 11,12.

Melton, Sonya. DECA 10; HOSA 11; FBLA 12; Advanced Chorus 12.

Merrell, Stephen. Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Baseball 11, 12; Student Council 12; Who's Who 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; Junior Marshall 11; Varsity Golf 10.

Miller, Pamela. "Pam" Dance Club 10, 11; HOSA 11, Treasurer 12; Advanced Chorus 12; Who's Who 12.

Mitchell, Pamela. "Pam" SADD 12; Key Club 12.

Moore, Christina. Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, Vice President 12; FCA 11, Vice President 12; Key Club 11, Senior Representative 12; Nature Club 12; Who's Who 11.

Morgan, Daniel. "Danny" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Basketball Mgr. 11, 12; Track 11, 12; DECA 10; Who's Who 12.

Morgan, Traci. Key Club 10, 11.

Murphy, Chad. "Litl' Murph" Varsity Football Trainer 10, 11, 12; Wrestling Trainer 10; FCA 12; HOSA 11, 12.

N

Neill, Anthony. "Shane" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Track 10; Baseball 12.

Newman, James. *Wingspan* Staff 10, 11, Art Editor 12; Falcon Pride 11; Actor's Inc. 12.

Nordlund, Heather. Who's Who 12; Math Team 11; Superintendent's Choice Art Exhibit 10 - 3rd Place.

Norris, Christopher.

O

Orris, Brenda. Baseball Statistician 10, 11, 12; Tennis Team 12; HOSA 11; Chorus 12.

Orr, Bryan.

P

Pace, Tracy.

Parham, Greg. "Parham's" Wrestling 10; VICA 10, 11, 12.

Parker, Robin. Student Council 10; Band 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 11, 12; Advanced Chorus 12.

Parker, Wendy. FCA 10; SADD 10; J.V. Volleyball 10; J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Softball 10, 11, 12; *Westwind*

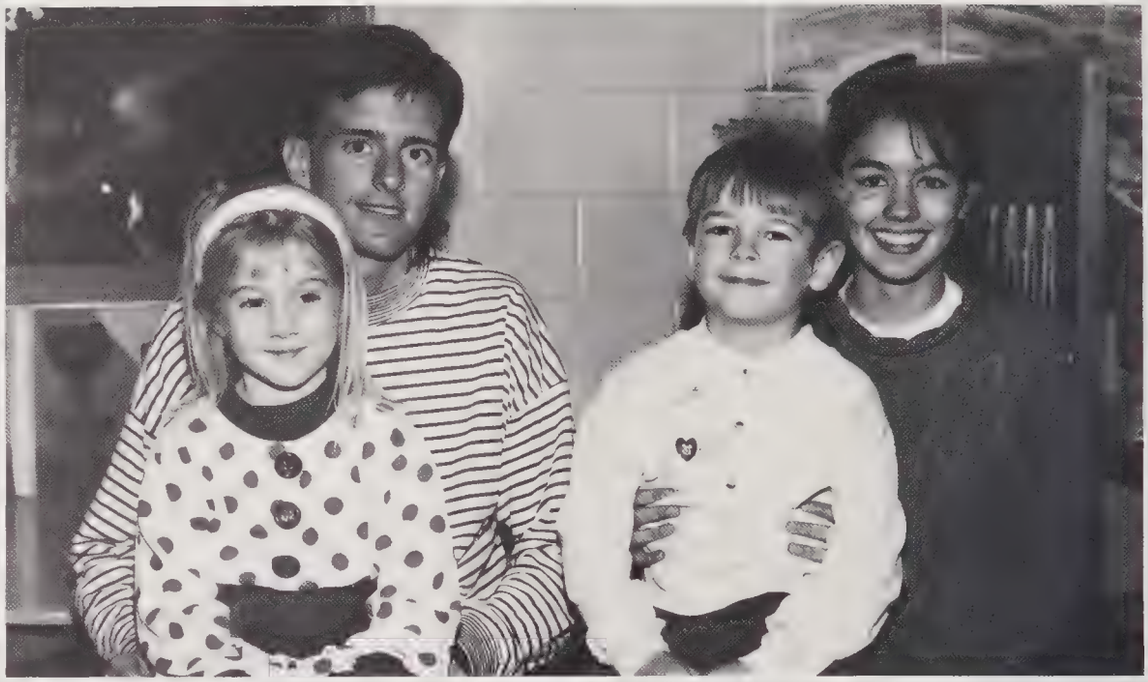
Best Dressed

Michael Thornburg Jana Gardner

Most School Spirited

Wes Crawford Jennifer Keefe

Staff 10, 11, Theme Section Co-Editor 12.
Parries, Kevin. DECA 10, Treasurer 11, 12; HOSA 11, President 12.
Parris, David.
Parton, James. "Thumper" FFA 10, 11, 12; VICA 12.
Perdue, Jason. "Pebbles" VICA 11, 12.
Perry, Reagan. "ACE."
Peterson, Kristin. "Krissy" Concert Band 10, 11; Marching Band 10, 11; Key Club 10; Who's Who 12; Quiz Bowl 12; Actor's Inc. 12, School Play 12.
Pipkins, Brian.
Planck, Christina. FCA 10, Secretary 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11; SADD 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; HOSA 11, 12; Math Team 11; Advanced Chorus 12.
Poppleton, Kerri. HERO, Historian 12.
Pressley, Amy. Who's Who 12; National Honor Society 12.



Friendliest

Rodney Robinson — Christina Moore

R

Ray, Susan. *Wingspan* Staff 10, Assistant Editor 11, Editor 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Who's Who 11; *Times-News* 11, 12.

Most Involved

Chad Greene — Jolie Jenkins

Rector, Tana. J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Softball 11; HOSA 11, 12; Who's Who 12; Advanced Chorus 12.
Redick, Kelly. Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Softball 11, 12; Who's Who 11, 12; FCA 10, 11.
Rehm, Scott. "Bon Scott" National Honor Society 12; Actor's Inc. 12.
Reptsis, Lorraine. "Lori" Key Club 11; HOSA 12; Who's Who 11; Advanced Chorus 12.
Rice, Lori. "Ashface" FHA, Vice President 12; Library Aid 12; Dance 10, 12; Who's Who 12.
Roberts, Terry. J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Baseball 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 11.
Robertson, Chris. "Killer" FFA 12; Chorus 12.
Robertson, Rachel. "Bruiser" Dance 10, 11, 12; Theater 10, 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12.
Robinson, Dwayne. VICA 12, Parliamentarian 11, Co-President 12.
Robinson, Rodney. "Bullet" Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; FCA 12; VICA 10, 11.

S

Saldutti, Steven. "Sal" & "Steeeeeeve" Nature Club 10; Student Council 10.
Salkeld, Chris.
Schermerhorn, Heidi. HOSA 12; Who's Who 12; Pep Club 11.
Seagraves, William. "Sweet William."
Shaner, Julie.
Shaw, Lisa. FHA 10; HERO 11, 12; Dance, Historian 12; Falcon Pride 12.
Shaw, Michael. VICA 10, 11, Treasurer 12; Falcon Pride 11, 12; Actor's Inc. 12; Thespians 12; Who's Who 11.
Sheldon, David. Wrestling 10, 11; Track 10, 11; Cross Country 11, 12; Key Club 12; FCA 12; Nature Club 12; Band 10.
Shoemaker, Laura. "Greaser" Volleyball 10, 11; Student Council 10, Treasurer 11; Who's Who 12; Drama 11.
Sisk, Michelle. Band 10, 11, 12; Actor's Inc. 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; FHA, Recreational Chairperson 12; FBLA 12.
Sitton, James. "Jim."
Sitton, Ken. "Elvis" Actor's Inc. 10, 11, 12; Thespians 12; HOSA 12; SADD 10; Marching/Concert Band 10, 11, 12; Jazz/Stage Band 10, 11; National Honor Society 12; WINGS 11; Who's Who 12.
Sitton, Thomas. VICA 10, 11, 12.
Smith, Mary. Who's Who 12.
Smith, Sheldon. "Shel" *Wingspan* Staff 10, Editorial Page Editor 11; Feature Editor 12; Who's Who 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; Actor's Inc. 10, Secretary 11; Interact 10.
Smith, Tanya. Varsity Softball 10, 12; Pep Club 10, 11, 12; HOSA 11; Key Club 12; SADD 10, 12; Advanced Chorus 12.
Smith, Tiffany. "Tiffy" Who's Who 11; FHA 10; HOSA 12; Advanced Chorus 12.
Stallings, William. "Billy" Student Council 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; Quiz Bowl 12; Interact 11.
Stanley, Christina. DECA 10, Historian 11.
Stepp, Frederick.
Stepp, Robert. Varsity Football 10,

Most Athletic

Josie Youngblood William Crocker

11, 12.
Stewart, Daniel. "Danny."
Stinger, Richard. "Sting" Varsity Football 10, 11, 12.
Strickland, James. "Jimmy" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Track 10; SADD 10; FCA 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Nature Club 12; Who's Who 12; Congressional Young Leadership Council 12; Actor's Inc. 12; Thespians 12.
Swackhamer, Keith. "Hammer."

T

Tate, Alan. FFA 10, 11, President 12; VICA 12.
Taylor, Toby.
Thomas, Stacy. HOSA 11, 12; WINGS 11; Band 10, 11, 12; Drum Major 11, 12; Advanced Chorus 12; National Honor Society 12; J.V. Girls Basketball 10; Who's Who 11.
Thomas, Tracy. SADD 11, 12; WINGS 11; Band 10, 11, 12; Drum Major 11, 12; Advanced Chorus 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Who's Who 11.
Thomas, Wes. Strings 10, 11, 12; Advanced Chorus 12.
Thornburg, Michael. J.V. Basketball 10; Varsity Basketball 11, 12; Baseball 12; FCA 10.
Thornton, Aaron. "Pete" Tennis 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10; FCA 10, 11, Vice President 12; Key Club 11, 12; J.V. Basketball 10.
Turner, Bobby.
Turpin, Joan. Band 10, Section Leader 11, 12; Advanced Chorus 10; Key Club 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, Secretary 12; SADD 11, President 12; Thespians 11, 12; Jazz Band 11, 12; Actor's Inc. 10, 11, 12; FCA 10; Student Council 11; Who's Who 10, 11; Prayer Group 11, Leader 12.
Tuttle, Jennifer. Nature Club 10; HERO 11, Recreational Leader 12.
Tuttle, Stacy. J.V. Cheerleading 10; Varsity Cheerleading 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 10; Student Council 10, 11; J.V. Basketball 10; Basketball Cheerleader 11, 12.

V

Valentine, Michael. "Mike."
Vaughn, Scott. "The Lizard King" Theater 10, 11, 12; Dance 12; Interact 10, 11.

W

Waechter, David. "Sharker" FCA 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Track 11; Cross Country 11, 12; Student Council, Secretary 10, Vice President 11, Senior Class President 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; *Westwind* Staff 10, 11, 12; Big Bird 11; Who's Who 12.
Waldrop, Timothy. "Tim" Art 10; Marketing 11.
Walrath, Dawn. "Dee Dee, Wallie" HOSA 10, 11, 12; FCA 12; FHA Treasurer 12.
Watkins, Matt. FFA 10, 11, 12.
Watson, Benjamin.
Watson, Steven. "Watson I."
Welch, Bradford. "Brad" Varsity Soccer 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11.
Wells, Stephen. Band 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 11, 12; Regional Honors Orchestra 11, 12; State Honors Orchestra 11, 12; All-State Band 10, 11, 12; SADD 12; Who's Who 11; Hendersonville Symphony 11, 12; Asheville Symphony 12.
White, Brian. "Mel" VICA 10, 11.
White, Roger. "Turbo Duck" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12; Varsity Track 10; Varsity Golf 11, 12; Who's Who 12.
Whiteside, William. FCA 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; *Wingspan* Staff 10, 11, Managing Editor 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Who's Who 12.
Wiggins, Jeffrey. "Wiggy"
Wilkinson, Shane. Cross Country 10; J.V. Basketball 10; VICA 10.
Williams, Lesley. Student Council 10, 12; Key Club 12; Varsity Cheerleading 12; FBLA 12.
Williams, Tony. "The Boz!" J.V. Football 10; Varsity Football 11, 12.
Wilson, Lora. FBLA 11, Vice President 12.
Wischow, Scott. Band 10, 11, 12.
Wisda, Greg.
Woody, April. *Westwind* Staff 10, 11, Editor 12; FCA 10, Vice President 11, President 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Track 10; Key Club 11, 12; Who's Who 12; North Carolina Scholastic Press Association Vice President, Yearbook Division 12; Nature Club 12.
Worley, Tracy. J.V. Basketball 10, Varsity Basketball 11.

Y

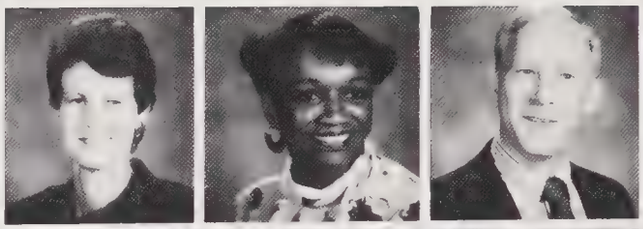
York, Christy.
Young, Jay. Student Council 10; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; J.V. Basketball 10; Baseball 12; Golf 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 12; FCA 10.
Youngblood, Josie. Varsity Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12; Track 11; Softball 12; FCA 10, 11; Key Club 11.

Most Talented

Stephen Wells Jennifer Bell

Aaron — Israel

Priscilla Aaron
Typing
Carmella Adams
Geology, Biology, Environmental Science
John Allen
Environmental Science, Earth Science



Brenda Allison
Library Assistant
Janice Anderson
English
Diane Andrade
Home Economics

Maria Ashbrook
Spanish
Larry Ashcraft
Computers, Physics
Paul Bagwell
Physical Education, Weightlifting

Joe Bailey
Biology
Ray Berkley
Career Counselor
Joyce Coggins
Accounting, Typing

Richard Colgan
Carpentry
Joyce Corn
Accountant
Arlene DeLong
Vocational Assistant

John Dickson
Chorus, Band, Music Theory
Juanita Dotson
Custodian
Kohlan Flynn
Principal
Brenda Gorsuch
English, Journalism
Linda Graham
Office Occupations

Leonard Hollifield
Masonry
Elaine Hooker
Algebra, Geometry, General Math
Grant Housley
Marketing
Robert Hudson
Strings
Matilda Israel
Consumer Math, Geometry

It took devotion, patience and creativity to earn the title. . .

Teacher of the year

Through years of teaching, **Janice Anderson** has worked with all types of students, and her talents were officially recognized by her colleagues in 1990-91 when they chose her teacher of the year. Anderson graduated from T.C. Roberson High School. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her master's degree from Western Carolina University.

Anderson first taught at West Henderson in 1967-68. She then went to teach at Lake City Junior High School in Florida in 1970-71.

From 1971 to 1976, she taught at Lake Butler Middle School in Florida, teaching all levels of seventh and eighth grade English. After teaching at the middle school, she went to Union County High School in Florida from 1979 to 1980, where she taught ninth grade English. She was a department chairperson.

Anderson returned to West Henderson in 1980. She has taught college preparatory and academically gifted students at the tenth and eleventh grade levels. She was department chairperson, awards committee chairperson, and a member of the school's CARE Team.

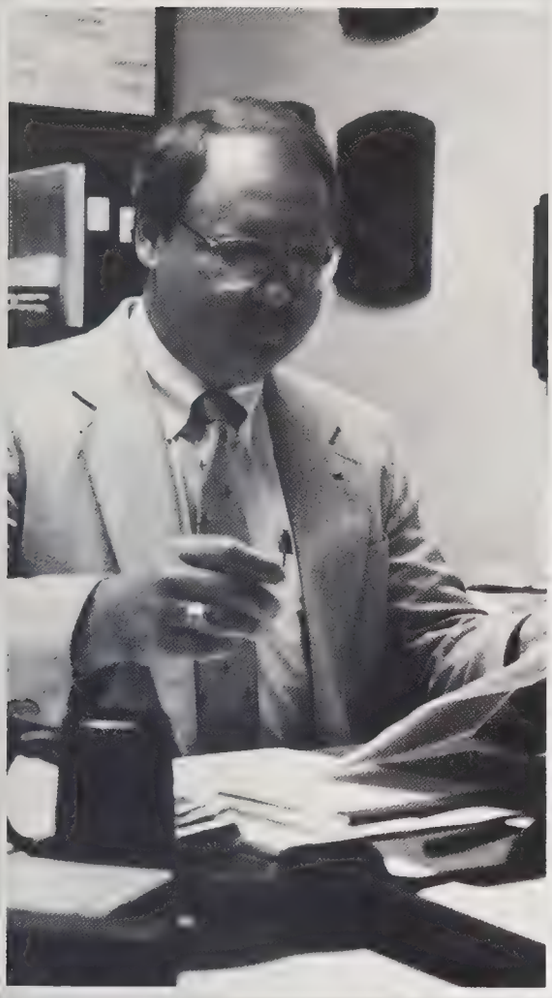
"Ms. Anderson is an excellent, creative teacher with a unique sense of humor. As head of the English Department, she is very supportive of other teachers," **Gail Riggs**, English teacher, said. Students agree. "Ms. Anderson adds a creative touch to everything we work on. The creativity provides a good learning experience," junior **Jennifer Chalfin** said.

▪ **Lesson of the day.** English teacher Janice Anderson looks over what she plans to teach her academically gifted tenth grade students in first period. Anderson was voted teacher of the year.

▪ **Further explanation.** Junior Gabe Mathews receives an author handout from his English teacher, Janice Anderson. Anderson, who taught college preparatory and academically gifted tenth graders and academically gifted juniors, was chairperson of the English department.

Jarrin — Wright

Mariano Jarrin
Spanish
Beth Johnson
Biology
Linda Klein
French
Barbara Lemmons
Geometry, General Math
Craig Long
English
John McBride
Chemistry
Darrell McDowell
Alternative Education
Susan McNeal
English
Sheila Messer
Guidance Office Secretary
Lynn Moore
Guidance Counselor
Mary Morris
Theater
Betty Mullins
English
Joan Patrick
Child Care
Gail Riggs
English
Betty Robinson
Secretary
Carolyn Sheppard
Remedial Assistant
Linda Soble
Calculus, Algebra, General Math
Janet Stakias
World History, U.S. History
Jan Stanley
Physical Education
Elaine Stole
Custodian
Kent Teeter
Driver's Education
Becky Varnadore
Health Occupations
Kay Wall
Librarian
Jane Wood
English
Rick Wood
History, Physical Education
Bill Worley
Government/Economics, History
Pat Worsham
Art
Connie Wright
Child Care Assistant



For the Henderson County Schools' superintendent, the year was a. . .

New Start

Henderson County welcomed a new superintendent, Dr. Dan Lunsford, in July. Lunsford first became involved in the education profession as an elementary school teacher and then principal in the Orange County Schools in Hillsborough, N.C. Later, he became associate superintendent for instruction of the Orange County Schools and then superintendent.

Soon after becoming Henderson County's new superintendent, Lunsford began planning some changes for West Henderson. To begin with, Lunsford's short-term goals involved making West Henderson into a more modern facility through renovation and new construction. As part of that action, he also planned on modifying the curriculum. "The short-term goal for me for West Henderson, because I do think it has a good instructional program, is to get the facilities upgraded then move along at the same time revamping things from the curriculum standpoint," Lunsford said.

Lunsford has also set some long term goals, which include making adjustments in the college preparatory program as well as the vocational courses. "Long-term at West, I would like to see more participation in the college prep experience. I also see a need to upgrade the vocational program from the technology standpoint. We are very much a technological age, and I want to be able to see very much the vocational program at West Henderson move more in that direction," he said.

As for extracurricular activities at school, Lunsford hoped that students would take the opportunities offered to get involved both athletically and academically. He also said that there were many chances for students to have part-time jobs but that he would not want that to get in the way of their education. "I would encourage students to make good choices about the use of their time and to remember that this school experience is going to go by too quickly, though it may seem like it's an awfully long time from the tenth grade to the twelfth grade for a high school student, and I understand that. But, it's going to go by much too quickly, and you need to use the opportunities that are here and not let them get away from you," Lunsford said.

Lunsford said that while construction was in process, the opportunities open to students would not be sacrificed. He also wanted students to know that they were part of a school system that provided students with many opportunities. Lunsford said the main reason construction for the school was taking place was to help improve the school.

▪ **A new face.** Starting his new job as superintendent of the Henderson County Schools, Dr. Dan Lunsford gets into the routine of office paperwork. Lunsford came to the school system from the Orange County Schools.

▪ **An apple a day.** School secretary Betty Robinson takes a snack break during the afternoon. Robinson handled the attendance and payroll records for the school.

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Winning times

Championship titles, conference wins, and winning records were all a part of West Henderson's year in sports. The volleyball team was the first team in the school's history to go undefeated throughout the entire season, including the playoffs. The cross-country teams excelled as the boys were runners-up in the state for the first time and the girls' team made its first trip to the state meet, finishing third. The football team made it past the first round of the state playoffs for the first time since 1984. The soccer team had another strong season suffering a tough loss in the state playoffs. And a new girls' tennis team had a successful first season. The accomplishments of these teams, combined with the success of other teams, made the year in sports "wonderful" for students and fans.

▪ **Down and dirty.** Mud doesn't bother junior Deryll Saxon as he fights for the ball against his opponent. The Falcons went on to win the game against the Asheville Cougars with a score of 1–0. With weather being unpredictable, many games were played in the rain and in the cold.

State Champions
Won for all

Hard work and the ability to work well together is what **Coach Jan Stanley** believed enabled the varsity volleyball team to take first place in the state 3-A championships for the second year in a row. "It is quite an honor for the girls to win their second consecutive state championship," Stanley said. The Lady Falcons had an undefeated record of 25-0.

The Lady Falcons began practicing the first of August and worked long hours throughout the season. There was plenty of pressure put on the shoulders of this year's team. Stanley said, "This year we had a lot more pressure on us." These pressures ranged from losing their setter and breaking in a new one, to living up to everyone's high expectations of the team. Sophomore, **Elizabeth Pippin** said, "It was expected of us to win and if we didn't it would seem like a let-down."

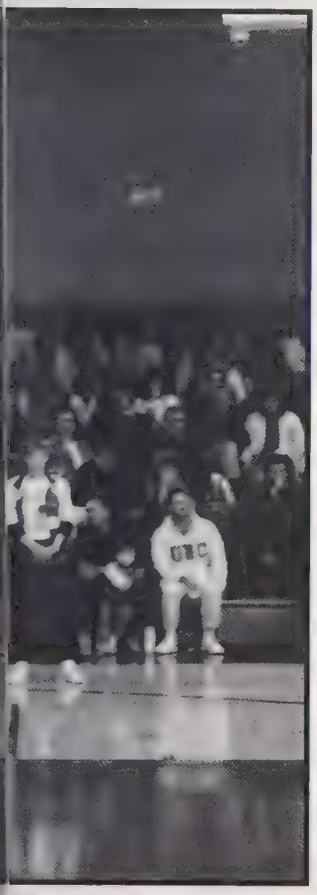
During the season there was one difficult game that stood out above the rest, according to Stanley and the Lady Falcons. It was against the Tuscola Lady Mountaineers; West Henderson won in four games. "It showed us what we were really made of. I was really excited that we could play that caliber of a game," Stanley said. The Lady Falcons said they had to work hard and come together as a team. Senior **Josie Youngblood** said she felt good about the team. "I felt that this year's team had a lot of talent and that we were all really close," she said.

Maintaining high standards and winning have become a tradition for the Lady Falcons, and continuing the tradition made the 1990 team stand out above the rest.

▪ **Celebration.** Varsity volleyball team members congratulate each other after winning the last match of the 3-A tournament game against Smoky Mountain. The Lady Falcons won the play-off round, 3-1.

▪ **I got it.** Intensely following the ball, seniors Kelley Marlowe and Josie Youngblood prepare themselves for the ball to come back across the net. Marlowe, Youngblood, and the other seniors led the team to two state championships.

▪ **Up in the air.** Senior Claudia Fann makes a powerful jump serve against Smoky Mountain in a playoff game. Fann was recognized for her outstanding vertical leap.



POINT OF VIEW

"We had just defeated Enka and were on our way back to West. We were on Highway 191 across from the Biltmore Square Mall. I was sitting in my seat when I heard a loud bang and felt a little prick on my leg. I thought that we had been shot. I looked up into the front of the activity bus and saw that the windshield had been shattered. I noticed Coach Stanley bending over a little bit. She asked for a towel because it felt like some of the glass had gotten into her eyes. Kristi Kremer helped Coach Stanley into the seat behind the driver's seat and then drove us to the hospital.

"We arrived at the hospital at 10:45 and called our parents and then waited in the hall for them to come. While we were waiting, a few of the girls noticed they had gotten little slivers of glass into their skin. After most of us had gone home, they let Coach Stanley out. Everyone was fine, just a little shook up."

Claudia Fann

▪ **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL.** FIRST ROW: Claudia Fann, Josie Youngblood SECOND ROW: Jolie Jenkins, Kelley Marlowe THIRD ROW: Shawna Coates, Heather Huntley, Kelly Redick, Elizabeth Pippin BACK ROW: Robin Sorrells, Tara Venn, April Sorrells, Stephanie Cone

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

FALCONS

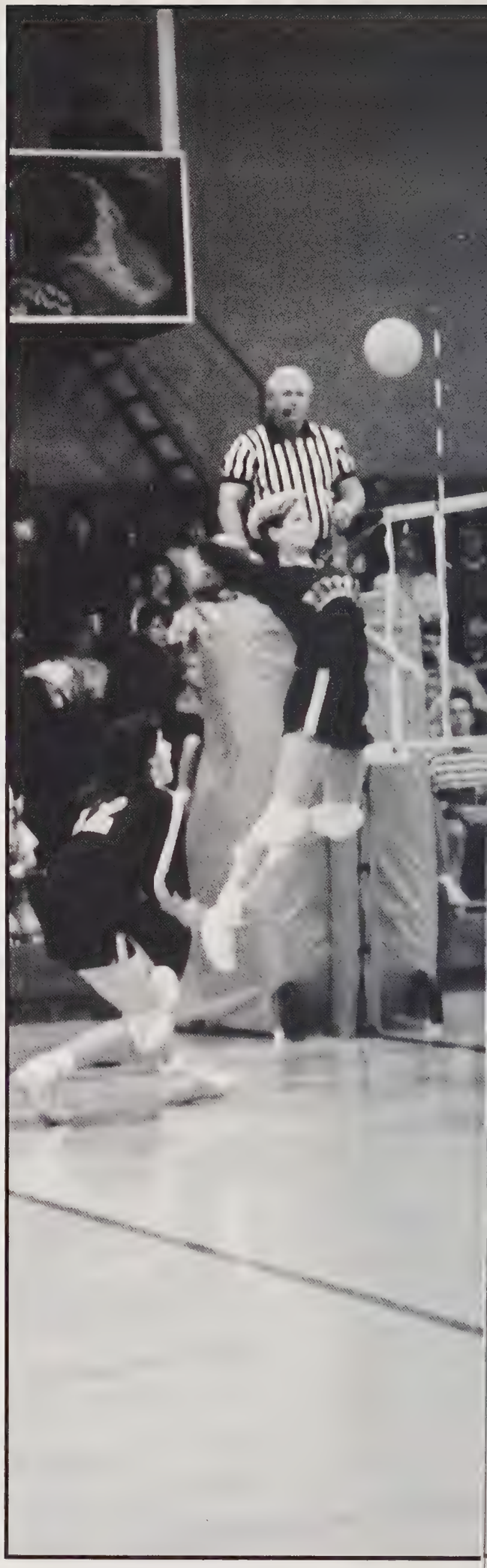
3	Brevard	0
3	Pisgah	0
3	T. C. Roberson	0
3	Brevard	0
3	A.C. Reynolds	0
3	Asheville	0
3	Smoky Mountain	0
3	Enka	1
3	T. C. Roberson	0
3	Erwin	0
3	Tuscola	0
3	Smoky Mountain	0
3	East Henderson	0
3	Pisgah	0
3	A. C. Reynolds	1
3	Asheville	0
3	Enka	0
3	Erwin	0
3	Tuscola	1
3	East Henderson	0
3	Central Cabaras	0
3	East Rowan	0
3	Smoky Mountain	0
3	North Surry	0
3	D. H. Conley	1

25 Wins, 0 Losses

"The championship is a real tribute to the girls after all their hard work, and winning back to back is something they will never forget."

Coach Jan Stanley

▪ **JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL.** FRONT ROW: Robin Sorrells, Nikki Hopkins SECOND ROW: Christy Cabe, Becky Ellington, Angie Kimball BACK ROW: Stephanie Cone, Coach Kristi Kremer, Angie Lanning



FALCONS

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

2	Pisgah	0
2	T.C. Roberson	0
2	Brevard	0
1	A. C. Reynolds	2
2	Asheville	0
2	Smoky Mountain	0
2	Enka	1
2	T. C. Roberson	1
2	Erwin	0
1	Tuscola	2
2	Smoky Mountain	0
1	East Henderson	2
2	Pisgah	0
2	A. C. Reynolds	0
2	Asheville	0
2	Enka	1
2	Erwin	0
2	Tuscola	0
1	East Henderson	2

15 Wins, 4 Losses

School record

–An undefeated season–

Few people have experienced winning a state championship, but the Lady Falcons' varsity volleyball team experienced it two years straight. The volleyball team was the only team in West Henderson's history to win even one state team championship.

Senior **Heather Huntley** said, "I'm very proud to be a part of such a great team and to make history. Being the first to win the state championship means a lot to me."

The Lady Falcons' success was a reflection of their hard work and dedication, as well as talent, team members said. Junior **Shawna Coates** said, "I feel that the practice and overall team unity played a big part in our success." Senior **Jolie Jenkins** said, "We played as a family. We knew our goal was to win the state championship again, and we worked for it all year. We didn't let anything stand in our way."

The Lady Falcons' junior varsity volleyball team, led by first-year coach **Kristi Kremer,** a former Lady Falcon volleyball player, compiled an overall record of 15-4. Sophomore **Robin Sorrells** said, "I believe our success is due to Coach Kremer and to the team's hard work over the summer and during the year."

▪ **Smash hit.** In a 3-A playoff game against Smoky Mountain, senior Josie Youngblood powers the ball over the net for the winning point. Youngblood was the most valuable player in the state championship game for the second time.

▪ **Thrill of victory.** The Lady Falcons celebrate after defeating Smoky Mountain in a regional playoff match. The girls only lost one game in the five playoff matches that led to their second consecutive state title.

▪ **Strange run.** Junior Brian Strange runs the ball up the field to gain a few yards as his teammates move to block for him.

▪ **Bottoms up.** To keep the Cougars from scoring, senior Richard Stinger tackles an Asheville player during West Henderson's homecoming game. Stinger was a starter on the Falcon defensive squad.

Tough beginnings —Brighter endings—

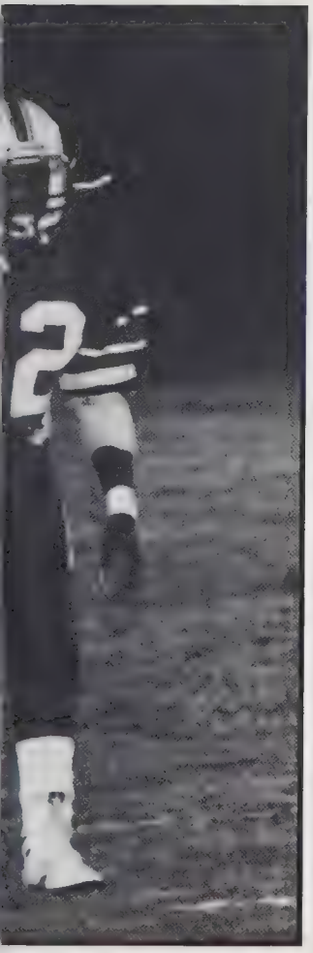
The Falcons started their season off with two scrimmages against Swain and Smoky Mountain, and both season warm-ups pleased the coaches. However, the first Friday night of the regular season saw the Falcons lose to county rival Hendersonville. In fact, the Falcons lost five of their first six games, defeating only Edneyville. But the team came back to win three of its last four regular season games to capture the Mountain Athletic Conference 3-A championship and make it into the state playoffs.

When it came down to the key games, the Falcons fought with pride and character, the coaches said. "Their character showed further when they beat Salisbury, 34-12, in the first round of the state playoffs and then lost in a hard fought second-round contest against Concord," **Coach Rob Rucker** said.

Junior **Philip Keefe** said, "Some of the season's pressures affected each player differently; some personally and some emotionally. Some of the pressures I had during the season were from the coaches; they would always pressure you to go out and play harder and better each game."

Three Falcons earned post-season honors; Scott Lyda was named all conference; William Crocker, all conference and all region; and Jay Young, all conference, all region, and all state.

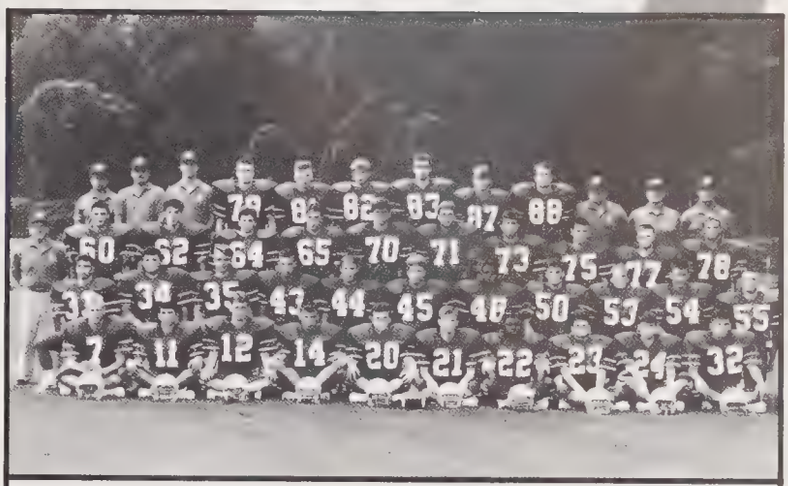
▪ **Strategy.** Franklin Darity, a junior, tries to stare down his opponent before the snap of the ball.



POINT OF VIEW

"When I found out that Mrs. Shook (Coach Danny Shook's wife) had cancer, the team could have easily used her as a 'battle cry.' I didn't though. Instead I saw how hard she was fighting — not just fighting for herself but for Coach Shook and their kids. Throughout her final weeks, she still supported Coach Shook and the team the most she could. The team at this point was going through some troubles. Through these troubles I saw what Mrs. Shook was going through. I guess you could say that I tried to copy her fighting spirit. I learned a lot from her. The team gave her a team ball after we beat East Henderson, but what we gave her cannot ever come close to what she gave us. Mrs. Shook would never quit, and she never did. I greatly admired her for this and the person she was."

William Crocker

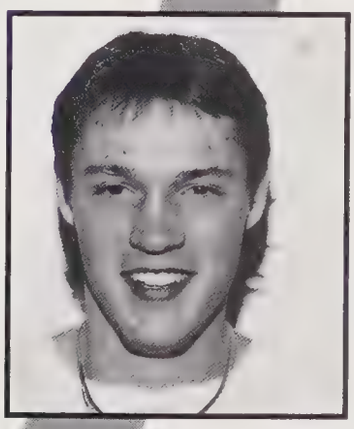


▪ **VARSITY FOOTBALL**. FRONT ROW: Ray Johnson, Gabe Mathews, Brian Kisner, Sean Nix, Kenny Israel, Jody Foyles, Franklin Darity, Josh Moore, Kevin Rhodes, Turhan Caylak SECOND ROW: Jamie Caudill, Charlie Miller, Brian Williams, Philip Keefe, Jay Young, Brian White, Anthony Sermons, Jimmy Strickland, Jeff Corn, Tony Williams, Brook King THIRD ROW: Trainer Kent Teeter, Floyd Ledford, Richard Stinger, Joseph Guice, Shane Neill, Joel Jorgensen, Scott Lyda, Mark Henderson, Duke Simpson, Web Corthell, Troy Wischow BACK ROW: Coach Darrell McDowell, Coach Rob Rucker, Coach Jim Hyatt, Mark Williamson, Brian Strange, Ryan Bayne, William Crocker, Michael Crisp, Alex Tolbert, Coach Frank Cope, Coach Mike Cook, Head Coach Danny Shook

FALCONS VARSITY FOOTBALL

6	Hendersonville	34
48	Edneyville	3
7	Pisgah	20
12	Brevard	40
0	A.C. Reynolds	42
3	Asheville	14
21	Enka	18
7	Erwin	0
7	Tuscola	21
21	East Henderson	17
34	Salisbury	12
16	Concord	17

5 Wins, 7 Losses



"I was glad to get in the state playoffs, but looking back it's sad because I know we could have gone a lot farther."

Jay Young

College bound

— To play or not —

At the end of the varsity football season, the Class of '91 players had a few things to think about — questions like "Will I play college football?" and "Will I be able to get a scholarship?" By the end of the season, letters were already being received by some of the seniors. Senior **Scott Lyda** said, "I would really like to play college football if I get some good offers."

However, others weren't so sure about college football, like senior **Jody Foyles**: "I'm not sure if I'm going to play college football. I've played football for nine years, and I'm ready for a break." Even if high school was the end of some seniors' football careers, all had some memories to look back on. "If I remember one thing about West Henderson football, it would be the 'Falcon Workout' in the off season," senior **Brian Kisner** said.

To one senior, though, leaving West Henderson football will mean leaving more than the "Falcon Workout"; it will mean leaving family. "The football team members are like a second family to me. If you ever have a problem or need their help, all you have to do is ask. All three years of West Henderson football have meant a lot to me, and so have my teammates," senior **Shane Neill** said.

But football was also hard work. Foyles said, "Since you want to be the best, you have to work hard to make sure you are the best. Many hours of hard work are put in during the week, as well as Saturday mornings with sore muscles."

▪ **Defense attack.** The Falcon defensive squad lines up as the players wait for the play to begin in the homecoming game against Asheville High School. The Falcons were defeated, 14-3.

▪ **Going strong.** Seniors Shane Neill and William Crocker advance forward to aid junior Turhan Caylak and senior Scott Lyda in tackling an opponent during a home football game. The Falcons earned a spot in the state playoffs.

■ **Let's go.** Junior Franklin Darity executes Coach Danny Shook's Notre Dame box offense in the homecoming game against Asheville High School. The team ended the season with a 5-7 record.

■ **Kick it.** During a Mountain Athletic Conference 4-A battle, senior Jay Young punts the ball while junior Michael Crisp blocks a defender. The Falcons lost to Concord in the second round of the state playoffs.

Getting acquainted
-For future success-

The junior varsity football team began training in the spring of 1990 with the West Henderson coaching staff to learn new plays and get to know the high school coaches. Just weeks before their season began, the players attended football camp at Lenoir-Rhyne College near Hickory. While there, the West Henderson coaches worked on improving the players' techniques and preparing for the season. Sophomore **Anthony Cook** said, "I feel that the experience we had at camp brought us closer not only as a team, but as individuals." The junior varsity Falcons opened the season with an upset loss to county rival East Henderson but bounced back the next week to beat Smoky Mountain. The team finished the season with a 4-4 record. **James Dillingham** said, "Even though we didn't win a lot of games, I feel that as the season progressed, we had a definite improvement." According to Head Coach **Paul Bagwell**, "This year's team has been great. I was pleased with all of the effort put forth by the players. They all played great games. Although the team was low on numbers, a lot of talent showed through."

▪ **Huddle up.** Giving the play to the Falcons is sophomore quarterback Sheldon Hipps. The Falcons went on to score on the drive.

▪ **A word for the wise.** Coach Craig Pendergraft gives directions to sophomore Micah Eller before he goes into the game. Pendergraft was one of the team's new coaches.

▪ **Stay back.** As the players line up, sophomore Doug Yarborough and the junior varsity team prepares to block the opposing Brevard players. The Falcons went on to beat rival Brevard 26-6.

POINT OF VIEW

"It was the coldest day we practiced. I remember everyone was already shivering from the cold. The practice field was covered with water from the rain. On one end of the field there was a giant mud hole the size of a lake. All of a sudden I heard two of the guys yelling and carrying on. I looked up and saw who else but Sheldon Hipps and Brian Russell heading straight for the mud hole. The next thing I knew they both dove head first into the mud. In a few seconds every player of both the JV and varsity football teams was covered from head to toe with water, grass, and mud. As the coaches stood around, they laughed at the sight of their players covered in mud. It was a lot of fun while it lasted, but when it was over, we were all freezing to death. We weren't too sure how the coaches would react, but Coach Shook said he wanted to see it again. After we had our fun it was a race for the showers."

Shane Cook

▪ **JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL**. FRONT ROW: Shann Davis, Mike Pryor, Brian Russell, Jamie Frady, Marc Gibson, Kelly Joe Jenkins, Tim McManus, Mark Russell SECOND ROW: James Dillingham, Shane Cook, Ricky Welch, Brent Wiggins, James Blackwell, John Hensley, Shannon McCall, Shawn McKinney BACK ROW: Coach Craig Pendergraft, Coach Rick Wood, Mike Perry, Mike Fisher, Brian Stallings, Micah Eller, Coach Paul Bagwell

FALCONS

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

7	East Henderson	13
34	Smoky Mountain	0
0	Pisgah	41
26	Brevard	6
8	A. C. Reynolds	28
28	Owen	14
14	Tuscola	32
26	Erwin	22

4 Wins, 4 Losses

"High school football is better than junior high football because you have competition. Scrimmaging the varsity also helped to make our team better."

James Dillingham

Crucial kicks
–Make a difference–

The 1990 Falcon soccer team came up on the short end of the stick more than once during the course of the season. Trying to build on last year's 15-4-1 record, the team opened the season with a 1-1 tie against Buncombe County rival T. C. Roberson. The Falcons tied other teams over the course of the season, missing crucial penalty kicks that could have been the difference between a winning and losing season.

Much of the Falcon's strength and offensive power were lost in the graduation of senior starters from the 1989 team. Coach **Steve Short** said, "It was tough having only one senior starter on our team, but Brad (Welch) did a good job in being a leader on the team and helping the younger guys build confidence."

West's soccer team made it to the state playoffs for the second straight year, but lost in a first-round match against South Point, 2-3. Although the team was defeated, Short felt the team played well. The offensive and defensive players were credited for the team's success. Senior defensive leader, **Brad Welch**, scored his first career goal at West from a penalty shot.

Overall, Short felt the team had an outstanding year defensively. The team had a good season despite the "fair" record of 6-7-3 overall, 6-6 in the conference, Short said.

▪ **Good job.** Obviously pleased, Coach Steve Short congratulates junior Michael Meadows on his field performance. The soccer team finished the season 6-7-3 but made it into the first round of the state playoffs..

▪ **Dribble.** Evading a Bearcat defeander, junior Peyton Elliot moves the ball downfield. The Falcons tied non-conference opponent Hendersonville, 0-0. The soccer team finished the season with two other ties.

■ **SOCCER.** FRONT ROW: Ignacio Diaz, Kyon Yim, Peyton Elliot, Deryll Saxon–captain SECOND ROW: Julie Kumor–manager, William Hunnicutt, Travis Brotherton, You Jin Kim, Adam Gilreath, Paul Kumor, Coach Rob Rousel THIRD ROW: Coach Steve Short, Rob Chuprevich, Michael Meadows, Jason Bagwell, Brad Welch–captain, Chad Busch, Brandon Johnson, George Bradley

FALCONS SOCCER

1	T.C. Roberson	1
1	North Buncombe	2
0	Hendersonville	0
5	East Henderson	3
1	Tuscola	3
2	A. C. Reynolds	1
4	Erwin	0
0	Enka	1
0	Asheville	1
0	East Henderson	3
0	Hendersonville	0
1	Tuscola	0
1	Erwin	0
1	Asheville	0
0	Enka	4
1	A. C. Reynolds	2
2	South Point	3

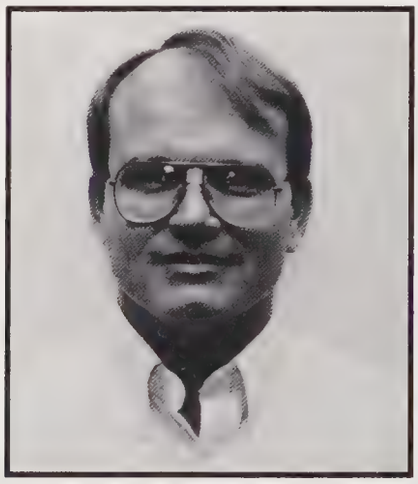
6 Wins, 7 Losses, 3 Ties

"This season has been a season of learning and rebuilding. It should help us be a better team next year."

Rob Chuprevich

▪ **Listen up.** The soccer team members pay close attention as Coach Steve Short tells them what to expect during the game and goes over strategy.

▪ **Kick it.** As an Asheville opponent approaches, junior Jason Bagwell pushes the ball upfield. The Falcons defeated the Cougars, 1-0, in a Mountain Athletic Conference clash.



"I really enjoy working with the guys and seeing them improve over the season. Being able to have a positive influence is rewarding."

Coach Steve Short

Winning attitude

-Coach's secret-

Four years ago soccer was virtually unheard of at West Henderson. **Coach Steve Short**, who had just come to the school from Florida, decided to change all that. Short brought with him 20 years of experience, and in just four years he developed West Henderson's soccer program into a power in the mountains. Along the way, he and his teams won a 3-A Mountain Athletic Conference championship, finished runner-up once and made it to the second round of the state playoffs in 1989 and the first round in 1990.

Short does much more than just coach the members of his team. Junior **Peyton Elliot** said, "He's the best coach I've ever had; he really cares about each of us, he holds team cookouts, and he is always available to talk if we need it." Elliot and many of his teammates praised Short for listening to them, valuing them as individuals, and always focusing on the positive rather than the negative. Junior **Deryll Saxon** said, "Coach Steve Short is definitely a coach who makes a difference and who helps make West Henderson athletics what it is today."

▪ **To the races.** As he moves the ball down the field, senior Brandon Johnson leaves the Erwin defenders behind.

▪ **Think it over.** After a conference loss to Enka, sophomore goalie George Bradley reflects on the game.

▪ **VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS.** FIRST ROW: Erika Clamser, Leigh Brock, Carla Stevens, Jennifer Bell, Carol Hooker, Kim McCall. BACK ROW: Laurie Bailey, Amy Peters, Karen Gasperson, Brenda Orris, Effie Loukas, Julie Baldwin, Coach Jane Wood

GIRLS' TENNIS

FALCONS

0	A. C. Reynolds	9
0	T.C. Roberson	9
0	Asheville	9
6	Franklin	3
3	Brevard	6
6	Erwin	3
6	Hendersonville	3
1	A. C. Reynolds	8
0	T. C. Roberson	9
2	Franklin	7
3	Brevard	6
4	Erwin	5
5	Hendersonville	4
7	South Point	2
2	Hibriten	7

5 Wins, 10 Losses

"I think they did a fantastic job and all the credit goes to them."

Coach Jane Wood

Not for love

—Girls hit the courts—

Could this be love? That was the question for many young women at West Henderson as the school added a new sport, girls' tennis. The team was coached by **Jane Wood**, an English teacher at West Henderson.

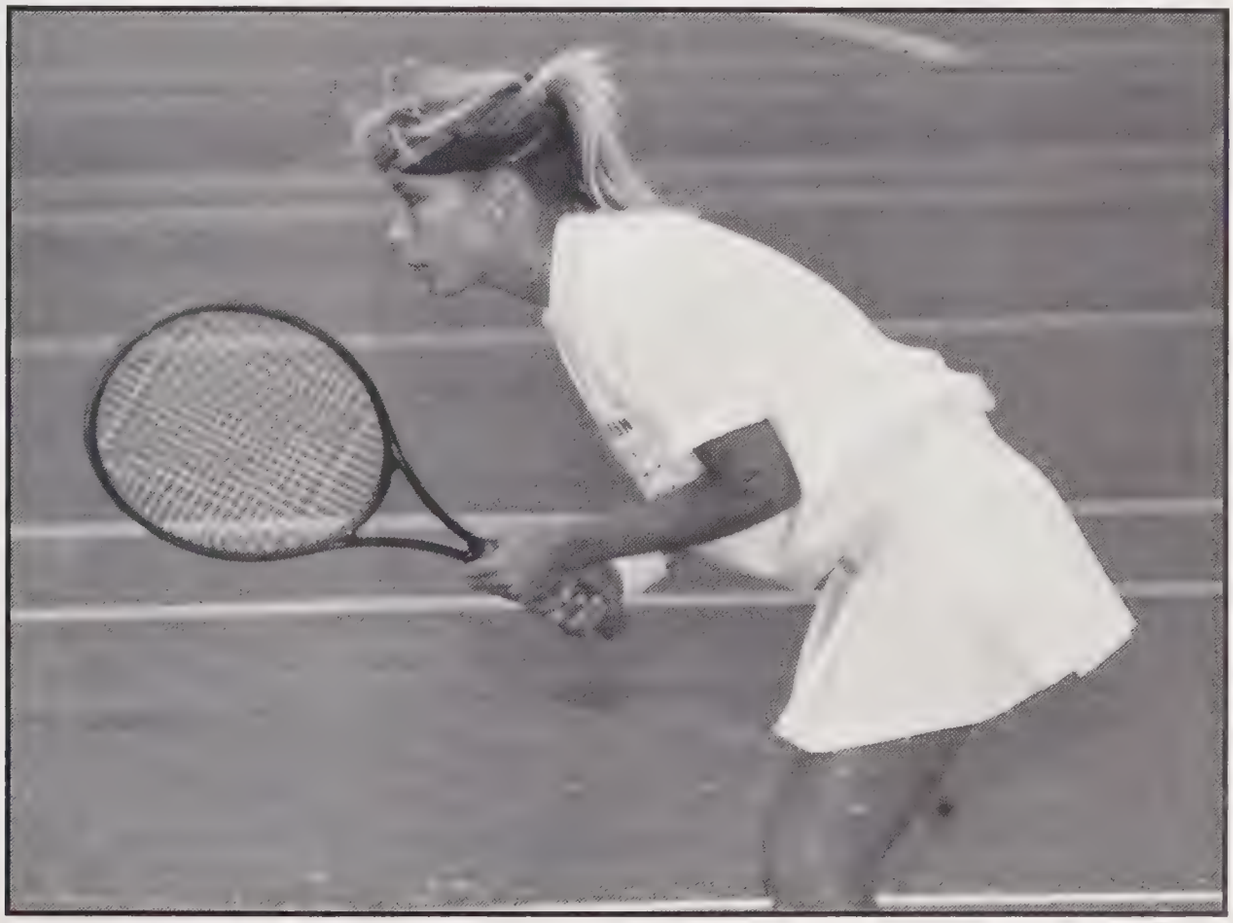
During the summer an organizational meeting was held for the team. Fifty girls showed up at the meeting. Twelve were chosen to play tennis and represent West Henderson for the first time. Two were picked to be captains, seniors **Jennifer Bell** and **Karen Gasperson**. Gasperson said, "I was excited that the team selected me and trusted me as one of their captains to provide them leadership through the season. I love them all. I believe it gave me an opportunity to become more involved in the team and my fellow teammates. We owe all of our success to Coach Wood for her interest and support."

The season began on Aug. 1. On that day Wood began teaching the techniques of the game. The team practiced daily. Since it was their first season, the girls ended it on Oct. 29 with a 5-10 record. "I think they have done exceptionally well to play a season, it being their first year, and still coming through and winning some matches," Wood said.

The team competed in the 3-A division of the dual team regionals. The girls won their first dual team competition, a first district match against South Point, 7-2. Because of that win, the team advanced to the second district dual team regional competition match against Hibriten, which they lost 2-7. Some members of the team competed in the individual regional competition.

▪ **Bouncing back.** Senior Brenda Orris returns the ball with a strong backhand swing. Orris said she improved her backhand skills with Coach Wood's help.

▪ **Concentration.** One of the two team captains for West Henderson's new tennis team was senior Karen Gasperson. Gasperson anticipates her opponent's serve.



Number one season

-For champion runners-

The season was a season of firsts for the Falcons' cross country teams. The girls' team won the conference championship and finished second in the region and third in the state. The boys' team also won the conference and finished third in the region and second in the state. Amy Knox, a ninth grader at Rugby, led the girls' team finishing first in the state and winning West Henderson's first cross country championship.

"It was a very exciting year. Both teams performed much better than anyone could have predicted. I think that most of all we have got a standard for our future teams to shoot for. It was a real pleasure to coach such fine young men and women. They were a great bunch to coach," Coach **Greg Price** said.

The team attributed their success to hard work and never giving up. "We set a number of goals for ourselves this year — to win the first conference championship and to finish in the top five in the state. Everyone on the team worked hard and never lost sight of what we wanted to do," junior **Earl McMinn** said.

Seniors Rodney Robinson, David Waechter, Ricky Bryson, Christina Moore, and April Woody were among the team's top seven runners.

▪ **Covering ground.** Near the close of the state championship meet, senior Rodney Robinson picks up his pace to pass an Enka runner.

▪ **All smiles.** Displaying her state championship plaque, freshman Amy Knox reacts with pleasure. Knox captured West's first girls' cross country championship.

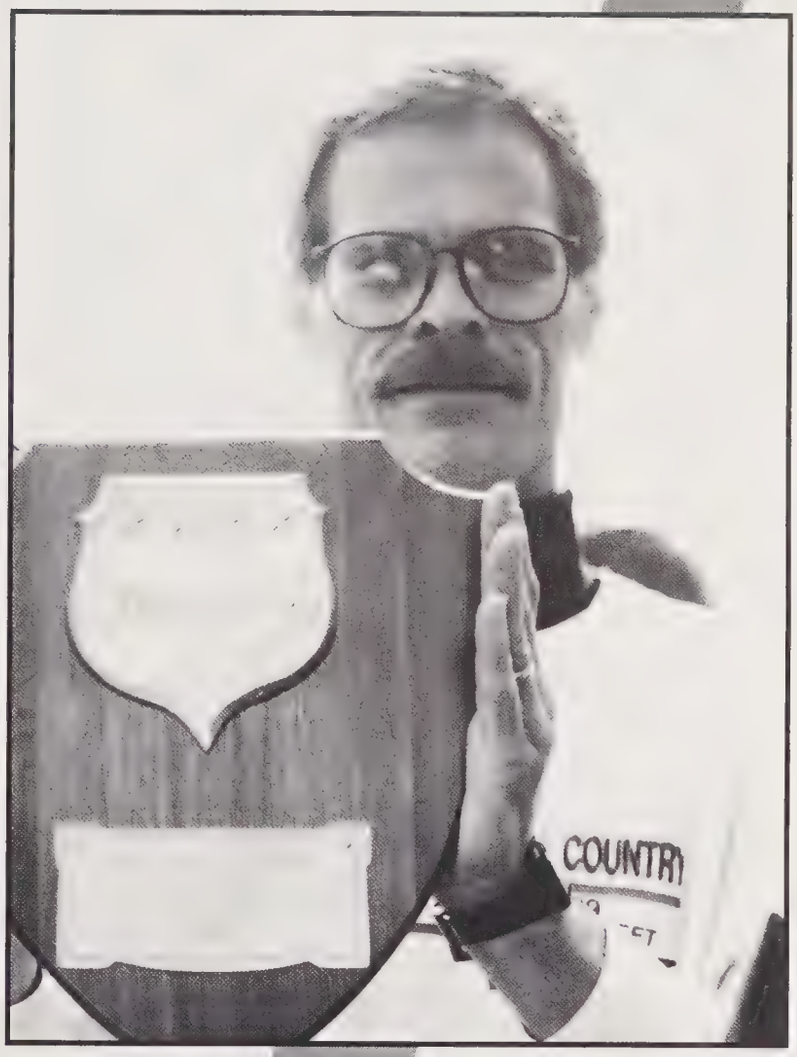
▪ **In stride.** During a cross country race, senior Christina Moore runs around a puddle of water in order to avoid an accident. The girls' team placed third at the state meet.

POINT OF VIEW

"Team unity and senior leadership played important roles in our strong second place overall finish at the state 3-A cross country championships in Charlotte. The seniors really set the tone for the race by being serious, competitive, and aggressive. They were good examples for us and represented the school well. The girls' team and parents really supported us well by yelling for us in the horrible weather. My best memories of the weekend were the rain, the mud, and the cold temperatures. These were not good running conditions by any means. We started out in a lake of freezing water and mud, and the rest of the course got progressively worse. By the end of the race I was covered in mud. I even had mud in my teeth. We might have brought home a silver medal and plaque, but along with that came a large load of extremely dirty laundry."

Trey Small

▪ **Show off.** Proud of his teams' accomplishments, Coach Greg Price, a guidance counselor at West Henderson, shows off his plaque for the boys' team. The team finished runner up in the state championship meet.



▪ **CROSS COUNTRY**. FRONT ROW: Josh Gray, Kris Kirtley, Rodney Robinson, Christina Moore, April Woody BACK ROW: Jerrod Marshall, B. J. Johnson, Monty Coffey, David Sheldon, Blake Andrews NOT PICTURED: David Waechter, Ricky Bryson, Mike Knox, Amy Knox, Shelley Summey, Shelly Barker, Jody Tuttle, Trey Small, Earl McMinn, Kelly Levi

Spirit drive

To be the best

It all started in April 1990 when 14 girls were selected for the varsity cheerleading squads. That day the work began in preparation for cheerleading camp and the upcoming cheerleading seasons.

The varsity cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleaders Association camp at the University of Tennessee in August. There they learned many cheers and techniques, and they also found new friendships and made memories. The cheerleaders were on the track from early morning until late afternoon preparing for the night when they would be evaluated.

"It's not only a lot of work while you're at camp, but we prepared for weeks before leaving to perform in evaluations during camp," junior **Alisa Powell** said. The cheerleaders won the spirit stick all three days they were at camp. Their overall performance, which included attitude, cheer performance, degree of difficulty in stunts, and spirit was determined at the end of camp and was rated by the judges as superior.

On Nov. 3 the varsity cheerleaders competed at Freedom High School in Morganton at the NCA regional competition. The cheerleaders won one of two bids that were given to compete in Houston, Texas, in the NCA national competition. Junior **Donna Wilson** said, "It felt great to win one of the bids. I felt like all the hard work we had done had finally paid off."

▪ **Standing tall.** During a pep rally before the Hendersonville game, senior Stacy Tuttle does a "liberty" stunt with the help of her squad members.

▪ **Go bananas.** At the football game against Hendersonville, the first of the season, the varsity cheerleaders lead the crowd by doing a popular spirit chant.

▪ **Flying high.** With a lot of help from Big Bird, senior Wes Crawford, the varsity cheerleaders are able to arouse spirit among the students and fans.

POINT OF VIEW

"Ever since cheerleading has been considered a sport, people's opinions about us as a group have changed. The cheerleaders are now expected to perform in a conference competition. This competition will earn points toward the Wachovia Cup just like any other high school sport does.

It seems like the students, along with the staff, are taking the sport of cheerleading more seriously. We are no longer 'a bunch of girls in short skirts.' People are starting to respect all the hard work and dedication that each girl puts in. Like any other sport, the cheerleaders practice long and hard to achieve perfection. But again, like any other sport, mistakes happen. The general reputation of cheerleaders is starting to change and is becoming more positive. We are a team and we take our sport very seriously."

Nancy Jones

▪ **VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS**. FRONT ROW: Jana Gardner-captain, Leslie Rice, Candace Dills–co-captain SECOND ROW: Wendi Francis, Nancy Jones, Kim Wilson, Donna Wilson, Leslie Williams BACK ROW: Shelbi Fox, Alisa Powell, Christy Dowling, Stacy Tuttle

▪ **VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS**. FRONT ROW: Shelbi Fox, Kim Wilson, Stacy Tuttle SECOND ROW: Amy Troy, Jolie Jenkins, Donna Wilson BACK ROW: Nancy Jones–captain, Wendi Francis–co-captain, Alisa Powell, Candace Dills

"Through cheerleading I have faced new and exciting challenges. Cheerleading is not only a lot of fun but also a lot of hard work."

Jolie Jenkins

▪ **JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS**. FRONT ROW: Robin Sorrells, Danna Neill, Amanda Meckley SECOND ROW: Kisha Dowell, Jennifer Gruca BACK ROW: Ellen Stallings, Katie Schwoerer, Emilie Lott

▪ **JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS**. FRONT ROW: Katie Schwoerer, Ellen Stallings, Emilie Lott SECOND ROW: Kisha Dowell, Jennifer Gruca BACK ROW: Jennifer Flynn, Amanda Meckley, Danna Neill

"I was happy when I found out cheerleading was now a sport; it's about time cheerleaders got the recognition they deserve."

Emilie Lott

Sport it

A new way

In 1990 cheerleading took an exciting new turn; it became an official sport. New rules and regulations were made for the cheerleaders by the National Cheerleading Association. The West Henderson junior varsity cheerleaders welcomed the idea of cheerleading becoming a sport. **Amanda Meckley** said, "I was really glad when I heard cheerleading was recognized as a sport. It is about time cheerleaders were recognized as athletes. "

Brenda Allison, library assistant and new junior varsity cheerleading sponsor, was also pleased. She said, " I just consider cheerleading as a sport naturally since I was never a sponsor before. However, the girls as well as myself have had to get used to a lot of changes and new rules and regulations. I think now that cheerleading is a sport, there is more pressure on the cheerleaders. Before it became a sport, there wasn't as much pressure on the girls to excel and prove themselves as athletes. There is also a lot more competition."

The West Henderson cheerleaders also had two other new sponsors, Joyce Corn, school bookkeeper, and Mary Jones. The sponsors were like "mother" figures to the girls. **Ellen Stallings** said, "The sponsors are like our mothers away from home. You can always count on them to be there for you and help you when you need them." The sponsors worked with the girls to improve their techniques and help make changes in routines.

▪ **"Give me an *F*."** During the junior varsity football game against A. C. Reynolds, the JV cheerleaders are all smiles as they attempt to liven up the crowd. The cheerleaders practiced after school each day to learn new cheers.

▪ **Break through.** West Henderson's junior varsity football cheerleading squad displays a banner they made for the Brevard game. The football players broke through the banner as they ran onto Johnson Field.

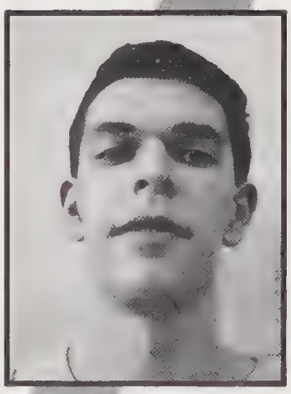
▪ **VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL.** FRONT ROW: Danny Morgan, Deryll Saxon, Chuck Bratu, Michael Thornburg, Barry Bell, Kevin Robertson, Earl McMinn, Donnie Gash—manager BACK ROW: Coach Jim Hyatt, Coach Skip Taylor, Coach Rick Wood, Colby Engel, Stephen Merrell, Richard Loftis, William Crocker, Skipper Juhasz, Philip Keefe, Chris Lapsley.

FALCONS

VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL

64	North Buncombe	49
74	Hendersonville	67
73	Pisgah	45
85	Edneyville	48
56	Brevard	63
60	Hendersonville	63
89	Edneyville	53
95	Edneyville	43
87	A.C. Reynolds	82
67	Asheville	57
87	Enka	54
80	Erwin	59
77	Tuscola	55
55	Pisgah	45
77	East Henderson	36
63	Brevard	46
57	Hendersonville	54
75	A.C.Reynolds	63
52	Asheville	65
65	Enka	48
54	Erwin	44
43	Tuscola	59
67	East Henderson	48
71	Asheville	61
64	Burns	60
59	T.C. Roberson	73

20 Wins, 6 Losses



"The season has been a pleasant experience. Everyone has played very well with some stressful times, but overall we've had a great season."

Stephen Merrell

POINT OF VIEW

"We weren't aware that Coach Wood only had two wins left to achieve his 400th win until we heard through preseason picks. Our first game was against North Buncombe, and we won. This gave him his 399th. The rest of that week the team talked about getting him something if we beat Hendersonville. The day of the game, Coach Taylor went out and got a basketball, which the whole team pitched in to pay for. At halftime of the girls' game, the whole team got together and signed it. After we won, we presented Coach Wood the basketball. Four hundred wins is a big accomplishment because he's only coached 25 years, and that means he is averaging over 20 wins per season. The reason he gets his average wins is his great knowledge of the game. He works hard at gaining knowledge of the game by going to coaching clinics and buying books and tapes. Coach Wood is a great teacher of basketball and life."

Michael Thornburg

Preseason rating

— To prove it wrong —

Before the basketball season began, the West Henderson varsity boys' basketball team was predicted to finish the season in fifth place in the Mountain Athletic Conference, but when the season began, the Falcons were prepared to win. "The preseason polls hadn't rated us fairly with fifth place. I knew they were wrong though, and that the Falcons would come out on top," junior **Kevin Robertson** said. The conference season began in early January with a win over 4-A A.C. Reynolds. The team carried on their winning conference record with defeats over Asheville, Erwin, Enka, and East Henderson. The Falcons also won against Brevard for the first time since 1986. "If I had to choose my favorite game of the season, it would be against Hendersonville because there is a lot of tension among the players and in the crowd. The fans also get into the game more, which makes it more exciting," junior **Richard Loftis** said.

At the beginning of the season, Coach Rick Wood devised a list of goals. "We wanted to go undefeated at home, win the Christmas tournament, win the conference tournament and win the state championship. Mostly though, we wanted to have fun, and we did," senior **Chuck Bratu** said. Wood said, "I wanted to instill in them the appreciation of what a group of people can do if they coordinate their efforts and work together."

▪ **Reach heights.** Shooting the ball during a game against Tuscola, junior Richard Loftis succeeds in making a two-point basket.

▪ **Move ahead.** In a game against Tuscola, senior William Crocker goes in for a lay-up. The Falcons won 77-55.

▪ **Serious time.** The team takes a moment to say the Lord's Prayer together before a game against conference opponent Erwin.

Looking back
–View from the past–

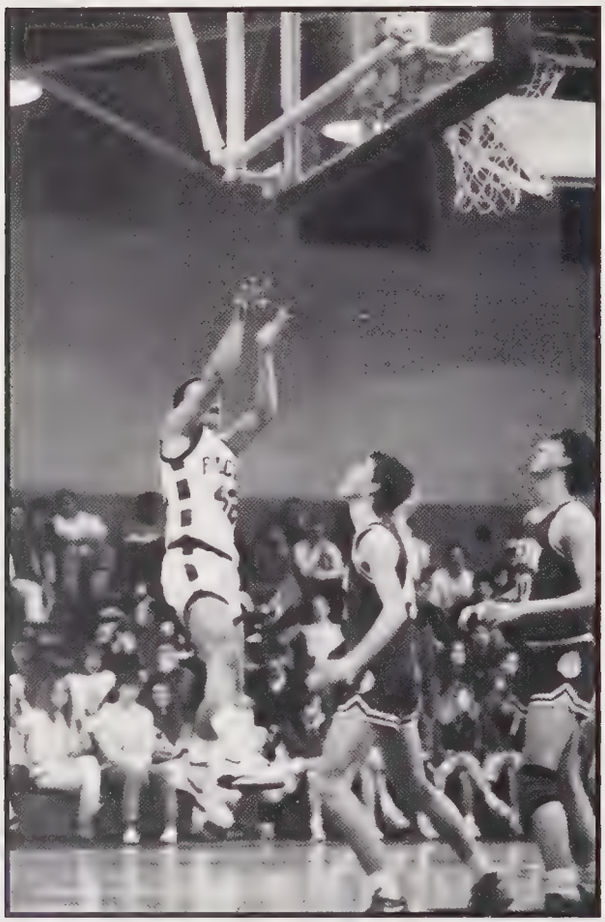
Throughout the years, many changes have occurred in the basketball history at West Henderson.

West Henderson basketball started with the 1960-61 season with the opening of the new school. The first year the team had a 16-6 record. Principal **Kohlan Flynn** was the center on that team. Some of the other players, Roy Riddle, Bill Day, Roger Trantham (who now officiates games in the area), Dennis Youngblood, David Wiggins, and Mark Scroggs were also seniors on the team.

The coaches over the years have included Harry Woodson, 1960-64; Larry Brooks, who is currently a principal at Blue Ridge High School, 1964-1968; Paul Bagwell, who is still on the staff at West Henderson, 1968-1980; Jim McElhaney, 1980-1983; Boyd Pearson, 1983-1985; and Greg Price, currently a guidance counselor, 1985-1989.

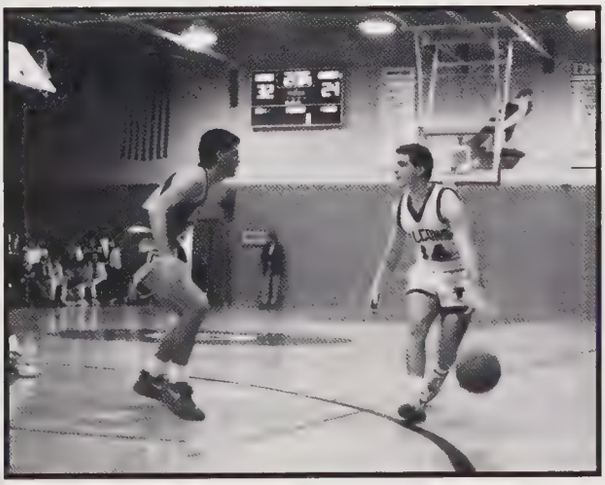
New records were added in 1990-91. The team set a single-game shooting percentage record of 71 percent at Enka on Jan. 15 and had a 12-game winning streak from Dec. 21-Feb. 5. Michael Thornburg broke a school assist mark with 12 assists in one game.

▪ **Steal it.** Senior Stephen Merrell drives the baseline to score over several Tuscola defenders.



▪ **Jump shot.** Junior forward Philip Keefe lofts a jump shot during a game against Erwin. The Falcons defeated the Warriors, 54-44.

▪ **Rebound.** Several Falcons position themselves in a rebounding triangle. The Falcons beat county rival Yellow Jackets, 89-53.



▪ **Sink it.** Senior guard Barry Bell sinks his second free throw. The Falcons had a 69 percent free throw percentage for the season.

▪ **Dribble it.** Point guard Michael Thornburg, a senior, dribbles the ball down court against 3-A conference opponent Enka. Thornburg set a new school record for assists in a single game, 12. The Falcons beat the Jets, 65-48.

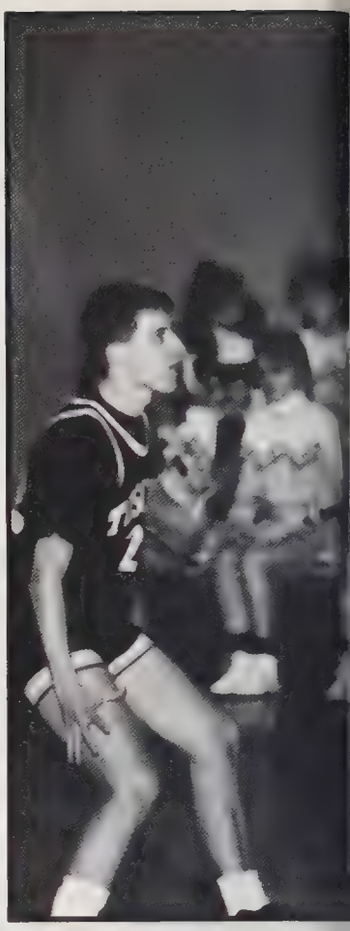
Winning shots

— For a new coach —

The junior varsity basketball team started the season with a new leader. Coach **Jim Hyatt** was new to the West Henderson coaching staff. Hyatt, who came from Smoky Mountain High School, had several goals for the team. "I expected the team to play hard, play smart, and as a team," Hyatt said. "I enjoyed having Coach Hyatt as a coach because he has played on many levels of basketball and him being so young, for a coach, makes it easier for players to communicate with him," sophomore **Jeff Nardiello** said.

Experience was something that helped the team. The team included mostly sophomores, but three juniors were key players: Monty Coffey, Rhett Ingerick, and Henry Snipes.

During the regular season the junior varsity team defeated conference opponents A.C. Reynolds, Enka, Asheville, and Tuscola. But there was one game that all the players agreed stood out above all others. The game was the first game against East Henderson, which West Henderson won. Junior **Henry Snipes** said, "We had to work more as a team on both defense and offense; everyone had to play their position just right."



▪ **Concentration.** While trying to decide who would be best to throw the ball to, sophomore Jeff Nardiello looks for an open teammate during a game against Tuscola.

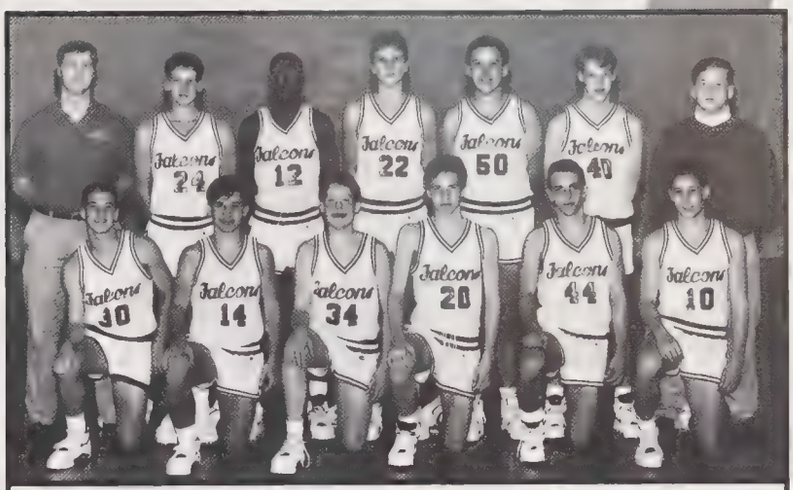
▪ **Perfect form.** During a game against Tuscola, junior Rhett Ingerick goes in for a lay-up. West defeated Tuscola 58-39.

▪ **Free shot.** All eyes are on junior Monty Coffey shooting a free-throw after being fouled on a lay-up.

POINT OF VIEW

"At practice one day I went into the locker room. A little while later Nard came running in the locker room laughing. I asked him what was going on, and he said he had the greatest practical joke ever. He put a pack of cigarettes in Mike Corn's locker. He let them show out of the back pocket of Mike's pants. I went and told Coach to help us play a joke on Mike. Coach thought it was hilarious and agreed to help us. Everyone on the team knew about the little joke except Mike. When it was time for practice, Coach took us down into the varsity locker room. He talked to us about our upcoming games. When he got done, he told us that he had seen something he didn't like in the locker room. I went in there, and Mike's eyes lit up. Coach asked whose locker it was. Somebody said it was Mike's, and Coach acted mad. Mike started saying it wasn't his over and over. He even gave the three-finger Boy Scout's honor sign. By now he knew something was going on because everyone in the locker room was on their back laughing."

Rhett Ingerick



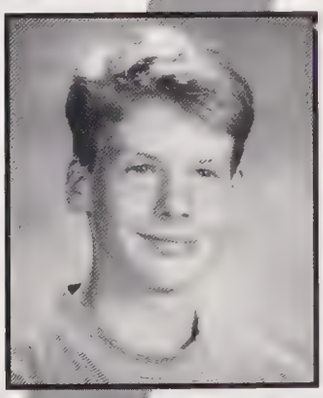
▪ **JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL**. FRONT ROW: Philip Grose, Jeff Nardiello, John Lyda, Tim Shipman, James Dillingham, Jeremy West SECOND ROW: Coach Jim Hyatt, Monty Coffey, Henry Snipes, Rhett Ingerick, Phil Cunningham, Mike Corn, Dan Leach

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

FALCONS

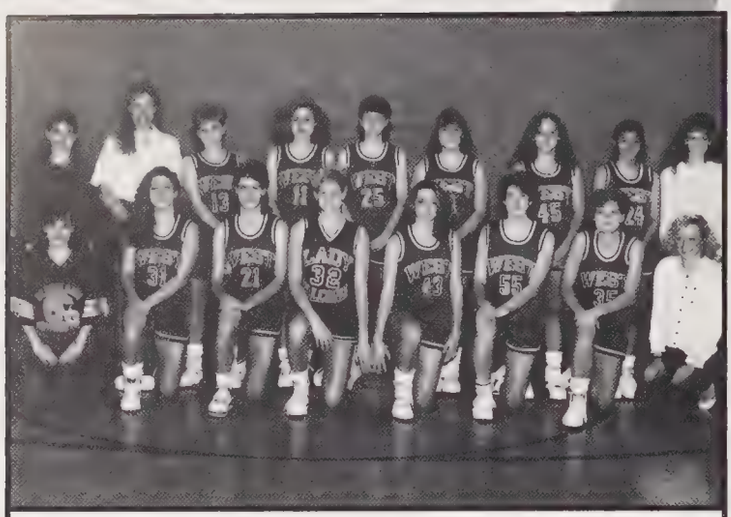
86	North Buncombe	36
65	Hendersonville	48
84	Pisgah	60
55	Edneyville	38
78	Brevard	57
75	Edneyville	46
56	Reynolds	66
69	Asheville	74
67	Enka	40
47	Erwin	53
58	Tuscola	39
74	Pisgah	85
70	East Henderson	60
65	Brevard	59
63	Hendersonville	61
59	A.C. Reynolds	54
41	Asheville	56
70	Enka	67
77	Erwin	49
58	Tuscola	40
68	East Henderson	81

15 Wins, 6 Losses



"I feel that overall the team played very well, although we slumped in the middle of the season."

Monty Coffey



▪ **VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL**. FRONT ROW: Dusty McNabb, Claudia Fann, Tara Venn, Josie Youngblood, April Sorrells, Amy Hill, Kelly Redick, Kari Johnson BACK ROW: Kim Parris, Coach Jan Stanley, Elizabeth Pippin, Melissa Metcalf, Staci McCormick, Jennifer Corn, Angie Kimball, Christina Moore, Dena McCormick NOT PICTURED: Andrea Mullins - manager

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

FALCONS

48	North Buncombe	43
63	Hendersonville	51
54	Pisgah	52
70	Edneyville	51
61	Brevard	43
62	Hendersonville	47
56	Edneyville	53
61	Edneyville	50
46	A.C. Reynolds	54
56	Asheville	50
62	Enka	49
58	Erwin	75
68	Tuscola	51
65	Pisgah	43
72	East Henderson	39
60	Brevard	49
68	Hendersonville	65
46	A.C. Reynolds	67
56	Asheville	44
85	Enka	41
54	Erwin	59
67	Tuscola	44
62	East Henderson	29
74	Enka	54
50	Erwin	43
35	A.C. Reynolds	74
66	Brevard	52
53	Pisgah	49
62	North Iredell	61
57	F.T. Foard	54
67	Harnett Central	61

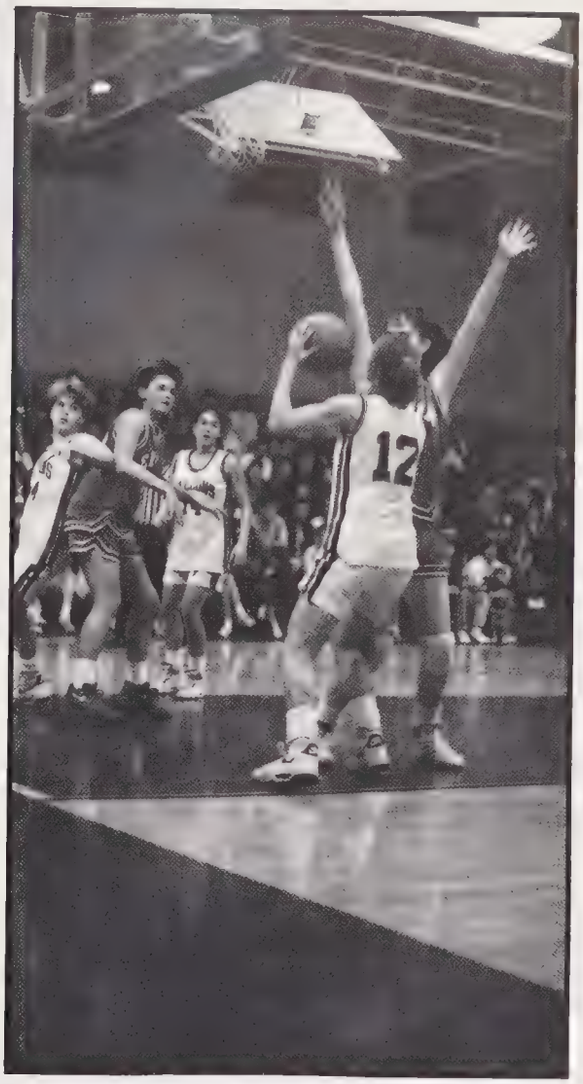
26 Wins, 5 Losses

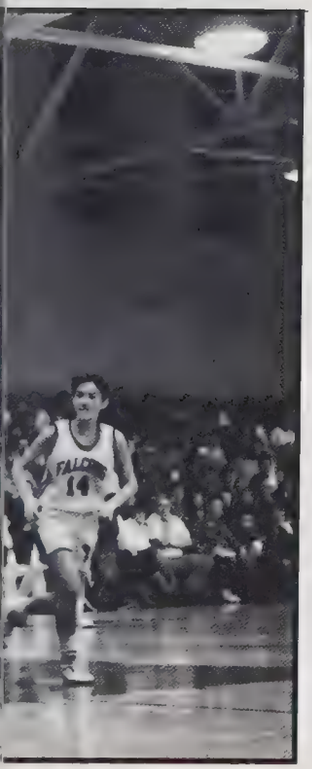
"I believe our team really came together in the end. When we reached our peak, nobody could touch us."

Staci McCormick

▪ **Dribble dribble.** Taking the ball across half court, sophomore point guard Elizabeth Pippin looks to pass. The Falcons defeated Tuscola in a conference game.

▪ **Posting up.** Sophomore April Sorrells shoots over an Erwin defender. Sorrells eventually scored bringing the Falcons to within three points of the Squaws.





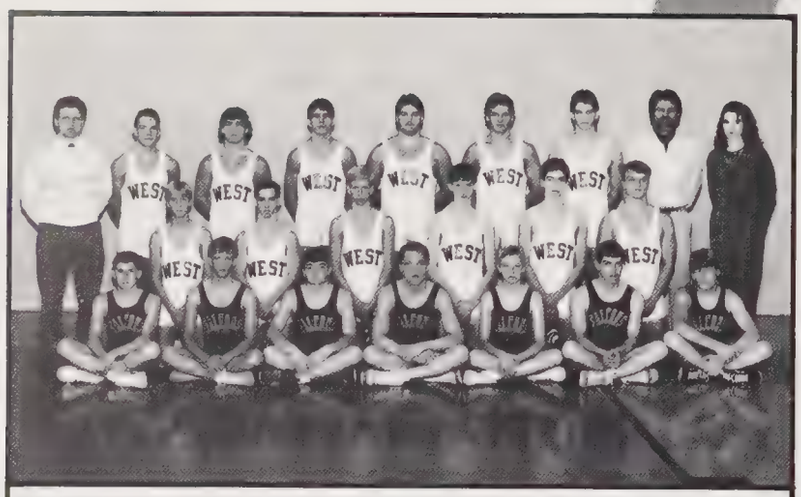
▪ **Take two.** Senior Josie Youngblood shoots for a basket during a game against Tuscola.

Second Championship

—Ties state record—

For the first time ever, the girls' basketball team won the 3-A state championship, making it two state titles in one year for the Lady Falcons. Only two other schools had ever won volleyball and basketball championships in the same year. "I was excited to win the state championship because I didn't really know how far we would make it, but I was confident because we hadn't been defeated by any 3-A teams," senior **Claudia Fann** said.

The Lady Falcons defeated Harnett Central to win the championship. "It was a tough first half, but the team really came together in the second half to defeat Harnett Central and claim the title," Coach **Jan Stanley** said. Senior Josie Youngblood was named the game's most valuable player.



▪ **WRESTLING**. FRONT ROW: Billy Brown, Brandon Corn, John Hensley, Rob Heaton, Barry Wilkie, Duke Simpson, Brad Pridmore SECOND ROW: Brian Cox, Kris Kirtley, B.J. Johnson, Josh Gray, David Gass, Brian Williams BACK ROW: Coach Darrell McDowell, Lance McCaslin, Steve Hollifield, Richie Dusinberre, Erich Cabe, Troy Wischow, Mike Lyda, Coach Richard Colgan, Jennifer Adams—Statistician.

WRESTLING

FALCONS

62	Polk Central	12
30	Brevard	28
60	Smoky Mountain	18
42	Tuscola	29
53	Pisgah	18
37	R.S. Central	34
28	Owen	29
14	Brevard	48
40	Asheville	27
45	Freedom	27
57	A.C. Reynolds	10
24	Statesville	44
35	Enka	28
48	Erwin	26
30	Tuscola	36
24	East Henderson	34

11 Wins, 5 Losses

"I was proud to be able to represent our school in state competition. An all-state finish topped my career off right."

Kris Kirtley

Pinning down

— Key to victory —

Despite several injuries, the West Henderson wrestling team finished third out of 16 teams in Western North Carolina. Through a season of ups and downs, the team worked hard and had great determination to accomplish some of their goals, which included going as far as possible in the conference and competing on the state level, according to Coach Darrell McDowell. The team did accomplish some of its goals, placing third in the region and having four team members compete at the state level. State competitors for the team were Kris Kirtley, Rob Heaton, Erich Cabe, and Steve Hollifield. Kirtley was a regional champion while Hollifield was runner-up in the region. Cabe and Heaton placed third in the region.

"It is a great accomplishment to myself after all of the hard work and self-discipline I had to endure to make weight and to make myself better throughout the season," senior **Kris Kirtley** said. Kirtley finished fourth in the state in the 112 lbs. weight class.

The Falcon wrestlers finished the season 11-5 in dual matches, defeating Enka, Pisgah, R. S. Central, A. C. Reynolds and Asheville High School. Senior **Erich Cabe** said, "I feel the season has been long and hard, but the work we put in is paying off. Everybody talks about wanting to do well, but now we get to do it. It has been a lot of fun."

Coach **Darrell McDowell** said, "Overall, it was a very hard, demanding season. Fortunately, though, I have a good attitude about how the season ended. It was hard on me, as it was on the team, but they always worked hard. It was a difficult season, but I've really enjoyed coaching the team this year, and I'm proud of everything the guys have accomplished. We didn't have a lot of experience, but we did have a lot of talent."

▪ **Listen up.** Before a match against Brevard High School, Coach Darrell McDowell talks with the team members about their strategy and helps build confidence about the match.

▪ **In control.** Attempting to pin down an opponent from Tuscola, senior Erich Cabe gains control over his man. Cabe went on to win his weight class at Tuscola.

▪ **Taken down.** Using the lateral move, senior Kris Kirtley attempts to take down his opponent for the pin. Kirtley went on to be regional champion and to finish fourth in the state.

Using it all

—Though small in number—

The boys' track team began the season with the goal of improving on the 1990 spring season. Coach **Greg Price** said, "We're hoping for a much better year than last year. It is looking quite promising." The team had more field event participants, especially in the shot and discus. Also, there were athletes who showed promise in the jumping events, such as the high jump and long jump. Overall, the number of track team members was small.

As far as the running events were concerned, Price said the team looked excellent. The distance people (those who run the 400 meter and up), were "looking really good real early," Price said. Price was optimistic in the other running events as well such as the hurdles. He said he had big hopes for his 110-meter high hurdlers, Jeff Corriher and Mark Baldwin, and his 300-meter intermediate hurdler, Sheldon Hipps.

"The sprinters are okay," he said. "We just don't have enough." After taking the runner-up title at the state cross-country meet in Charlotte in the fall, Price seemed very enthusiastic about the spring track season. The team's outlook seemed to be extremely bright despite the small number of participants in some of the events, Price said.

The members of the team agreed. "We will be very good this year," senior **Rodney Robinson** said. "We've got a good coach, and everyone has put in a lot of hard work."

▪ **Reach out.** The hurdlers find themselves practicing their form and steps many times in order to excel in their events. Junior Brian Williams stretches out over the hurdles early in the season in the attempt to improve on his overall performance.

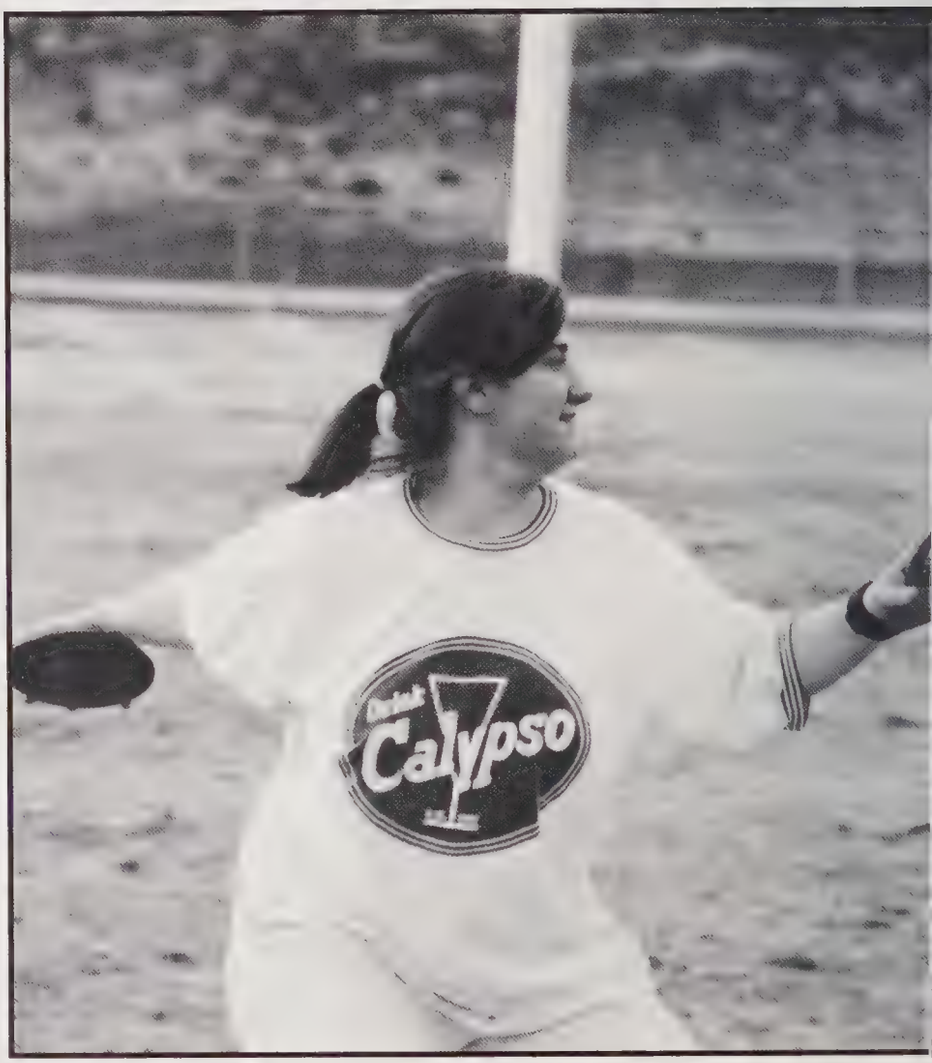
▪ **Remain focused.** To throw the shot the greatest distance possible, the thrower must have excellent form, focus and some strength as well. Sophomore Michael Perry brushes up on these skills at an early spring practice before having to put those skills to use at one of the upcoming meets.

▪ **BOYS' TRACK**. FRONT ROW: Kevin Cutshaw, James Blackwell, John Williamson, Web Corthell, Mike Knox SECOND ROW: Doug Yarborough, Jerrod Marshall, Ricky Welch, Mark Baldwin, Allan Reilly, Coach Greg Price BACK ROW: Shann Davis, Rodney Robinson, Brad Welch, Henry Snipes, Gabe Mathews

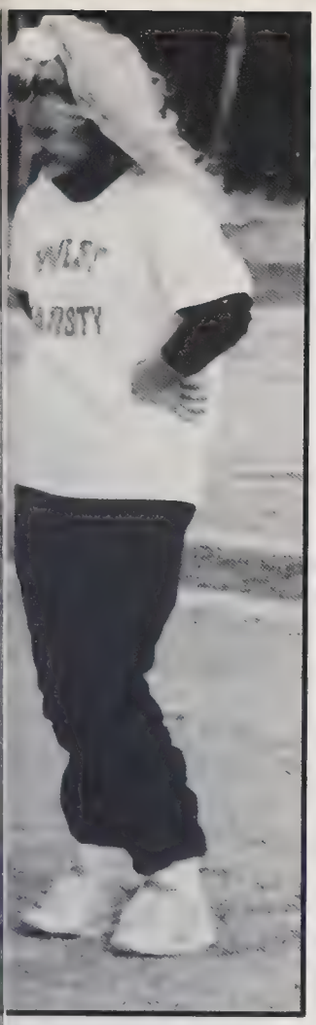
▪ **Muscle work.** To be safe during their training, runners usually stretch out before exercising to try to prevent any injuries. Senior Rodney Robinson stretches out prior to an early spring practice.

▪ **To the left.** Much like the shot put, the discus thrower must exhibit form and balance in order to do well. Junior Brook King readies himself here for another practice throw.

▪ **GIRLS' TRACK.** FRONT ROW: Stacey Rose, Melissa Metcalf SECOND ROW: Heather Fuqua, Molly Denton, Kim Weatherstone, Julie Kumor, Jennifer Morgan, Angie Kimball THIRD ROW: Shelley Summey, Julie Baldwin, Ellen Stallings, Jennifer Rhodes, Claudia Fann, Stacy Tuttle, Aimee Frerk, Kristi Cabe BACK ROW: Coach Jane Wood, Stephanie Garrity, Christina Moore



▪ **Lengthy goals.** Junior Julie Kumor looks off into the distance where she wants to throw the discus to reach her goal. To be successful as a discus thrower, one must have both strength and coordination.



Individual improvement

—Makes for team success—

As in any sport, track requires goal setting. The girls' track team not only set team goals, but also individual goals. Coach **Jane Wood** had her own goals set for the team: "I wanted each girl to improve individually, and I also wanted to acquire more team spirit."

When sophomore **Ellen Stallings** was asked what her goals had been and how she worked to acheive them, she said,"My main goal was to improve my time by working hard and getting tips and help from Coach Wood. I also wanted to increase my endurance for cross country next season and to make it to sectionals in track this season."

Senior **Kelly Levi** had dreams and goals of her own. She said, "This season I wanted to tie or beat the school record for both the 100 and 200 meter dash; Sherry Moore holds them both. Another goal was to be close to my team, help out everyone, and for all of us to be 'spiritually sound.' Lastly, I wanted my self-confidence and self-esteem to be stronger than ever. I worked on achieving these goals by working hard on my time and keeping a positive attitude."

"Goals give you something to strive and work for. In any sport you have to set goals and work hard to achieve them," junior **Donna Wilson** said.

▪ **Know how.** In preparation for their first track meet, runners Jennifer Rhodes, Julie Baldwin, Donna Wilson and Stacy Tuttle learn how to use starting blocks properly.

▪ **Stretch out.** Before practice junior Stacy Tuttle warms up by exercising her leg muscles to prevent any injuries that could be caused by working out in the early spring chill.

▪ **Overboard.** Junior Jennifer Morgan clears a hurdle during spring practice drills. Morgan worked to improve her form and endurance.

▪ **Putt-putt.** The day before the season started sophomore Jon Skillman carefully lines up his shot while practicing on the putting green at Etowah Valley Country Club.

Family matters

—At home on the links—

West Henderson's golf team began practicing on Feb. 11. The team members practiced at Etowah Country Club, just like they have for the past 20 years. Etowah was also the site of two of West Henderson's golf matches on March 18 and April 29.

The team's first match was on March 14 at Tryon Country Club. Sophomores made up a big part of the team. "I feel the golf team will look pretty good this year. We're a little inexperienced, but with hard work we can overcome this," sophomore **Geoff Bishop** said.

The team set some goals that it would take each team member to reach. The main goal of the team was to win conference and be represented in the state tournament.

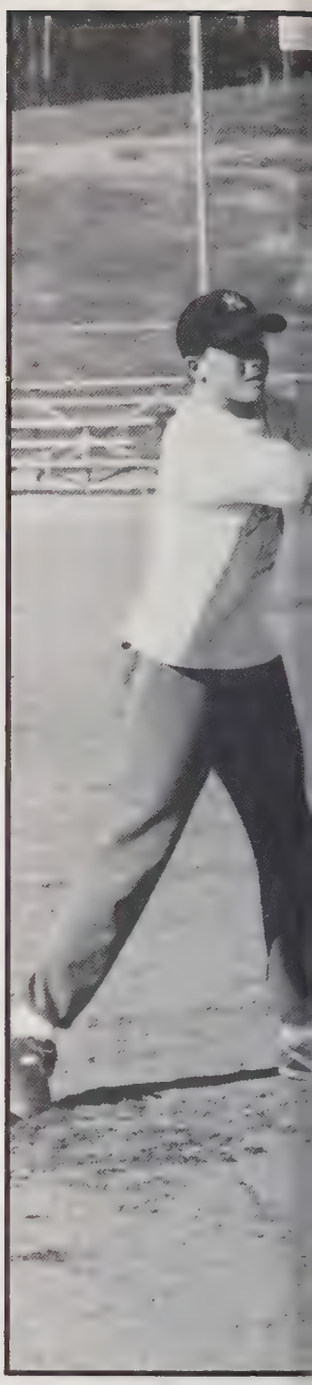
Golf was apparently a family game since most of the players became interested in the game by playing with their fathers or grandfathers. "I played with my dad when I was younger, and it turned into something I enjoyed," sophomore **Jon Skillman** said. Junior **Jeff Corn** said, "My grandfather got me started in golf. With him being left-handed and me being left-handed, he taught me a lot of how the game is played."

According to Coach **Paul Bagwell,** golf is not a sport that a person can pick up over night. Practice is necessary. "You have to play for years and years and obtain all the experience you possibly can," Bagwell said.

▪ **Water bound.** A sense of humor is sometimes necessary for golfers, including junior Kevin Rhodes, who found his ball in a lake during a practice round at Etowah Valley Country Club.

▪ **"Fore"-ward.** Two-year Falcon golfer Jeff Corn, a junior, strokes his drive off the tee and down the fairway at the Etowah golf course.

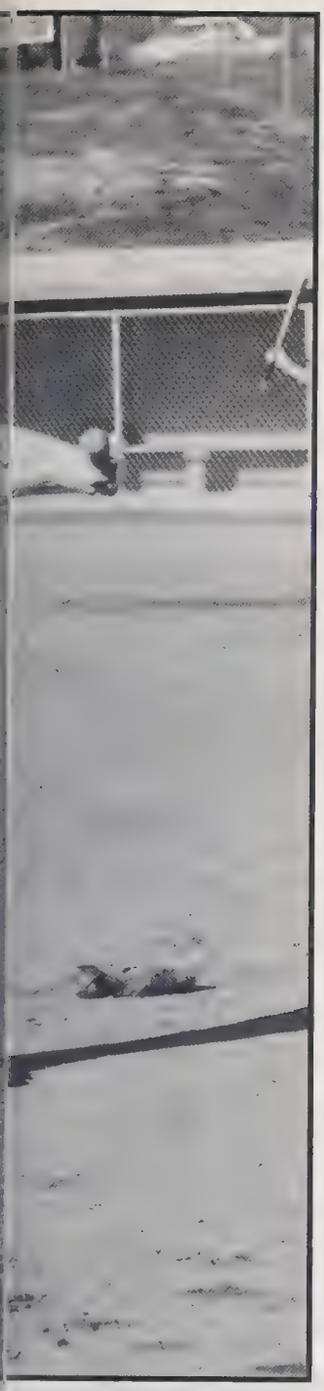
▪ **GOLF.** Coach Paul Bagwell, Mark Henderson, Marc Gibson, Jon Skillman, Geoff Bishop, Brian White, Monty Coffey, Kevin Rhodes, Michael Meadows, Jeff Corn



▪ **Stay cool.** In preseason practice senior Scott Lyda warms up his arm to play third base. There were very few warm days in late February and early March, making it difficult to prepare for the season.

▪ **I got it.** Waiting for the throw to first base is junior Ray Johnson. He was one of four returning juniors on the Falcon baseball team.

▪ **BASEBALL.** FRONT ROW: David Barnett, William Hall, Jeff Nardiello, Tim Shipman, John Lyda SECOND ROW: Ray Johnson, Micah Eller, Rhett Ingerick, Anthony Lindsey, Terry Roberts, John Parrish, Alex Tolbert BACK ROW: Jimmy Roberts, Jamie Frady, Jay Young, Scott Lyda, Turhan Caylak, Coach Jim Hyatt



Diamond polishing

–New coach, new image–

After a season of indoor winter sports, baseball was a welcome change, especially for the three team members who had been involved in basketball from November until March, seniors Michael Thornburg and Stephen Merrell and junior Philip Keefe.

The team had a new coach, Jim Hyatt, a social studies teacher, and much of the off-season was spent improving the baseball field and raising money for equipment. One of the changes was a new pitching machine. To raise money for the new machine, the team members sold such things as jewelry,towels and kitchen items. They also built a new batting cage and resurfaced the infield.

"I think that the fund raiser was a good idea, and I'm glad that we have a coach that cares about the field and the playing conditions," junior **Anthony Lindsey** said.

With the fourth new coach in four years, the Falcons looked to Hyatt for consistency. "It's tough because every year I've played we've had a new coach,but Coach Hyatt really seems to care and has put in a lot of hard work," junior **Ray Johnson** said.

The Falcons lost several starters from the 1990 team, but returning team members worked to make the change to a new coach's style of play and an improved field a successful one.

▪ **Smack it.** Taking a few swings during practice, sophomore John Lyda displays his batting form. Lyda played on the Falcon baseball team with his brother Scott.

▪ **Right here.** Catcher Alex Tolbert awaits a pitch at a practice in early March. Tolbert was the only returning sophomore on the team.

▪ **Out field.** The Falcons work on their throwing arms during preseason practice. Coach Jim Hyatt often worked out with his players.

■ **Swing on.** Junior Rhonda Morgan takes batting practice during a preseason work-out. The Lady Falcons had to practice short-handed until the girls' basketball team finished the season.

■ **The pitch.** Stepping through as she throws the softball toward the plate is senior Jolie Jenkins. Jenkins provided senior leadership for the Lady Falcons.

▪ **Leap of faith.** Going high to make the catch, senior Cherise Medley shows off her softball skills. Medley was a returning starter for the Lady Falcons.

▪ **Here it comes.** Good form is the goal of pitcher Stephanie Cox, a junior. Pitching drills were part of practice in February and March as the Lady Falcons prepared for the season.

Lucky seven

—With others on deck—

When preparation for the varsity girls' softball team's season began, all that the team could go on was hope. Because of the extended winter sports seasons, the softball team began with only seven girls at practice, but Coach **Rob Rucker** said he was very hopeful about the season. "As the season began, I felt very strongly about the talent we had this season. It all depended on the practice we had before the season actually began," he said.

Along with Rucker, the girls also said they were excited about the season. "I'm really excited about playing softball because it is one of my favorite sports. I think we are going to have a really good team this year, and I believe we can take it far," sophomore **Angie Lanning** said.

Even with the low turnout, practice had to begin. The team members began practice in February. "Even though we are starting out with only seven players at practice, I think when our team comes together and begins working together, we will have a really good season," senior **Krista Marshall** said. Several girls' basketball players joined the team after the basketball playoffs.

Everyone had something different to add to aid in the team's success. "Our team this year should be better than the team last year, especially with the leadership and drive of Coach Rucker, and the hard work and determination of the team. We should win the conference, and maybe go further," senior **Jolie Jenkins** said.

Advantage: West

Raffle to glory

In order to raise money for their upcoming season, the boys' tennis team, along with the girls' tennis team, sponsored their annual fund raiser during basketball season. The fund raiser was a raffle for a Charlotte Hornets weekend. "The raffle was a good idea for raising money, but it was a pain selling the tickets at every game. The people from the other teams really looked at us funny," senior **Aaron Thornton** said.

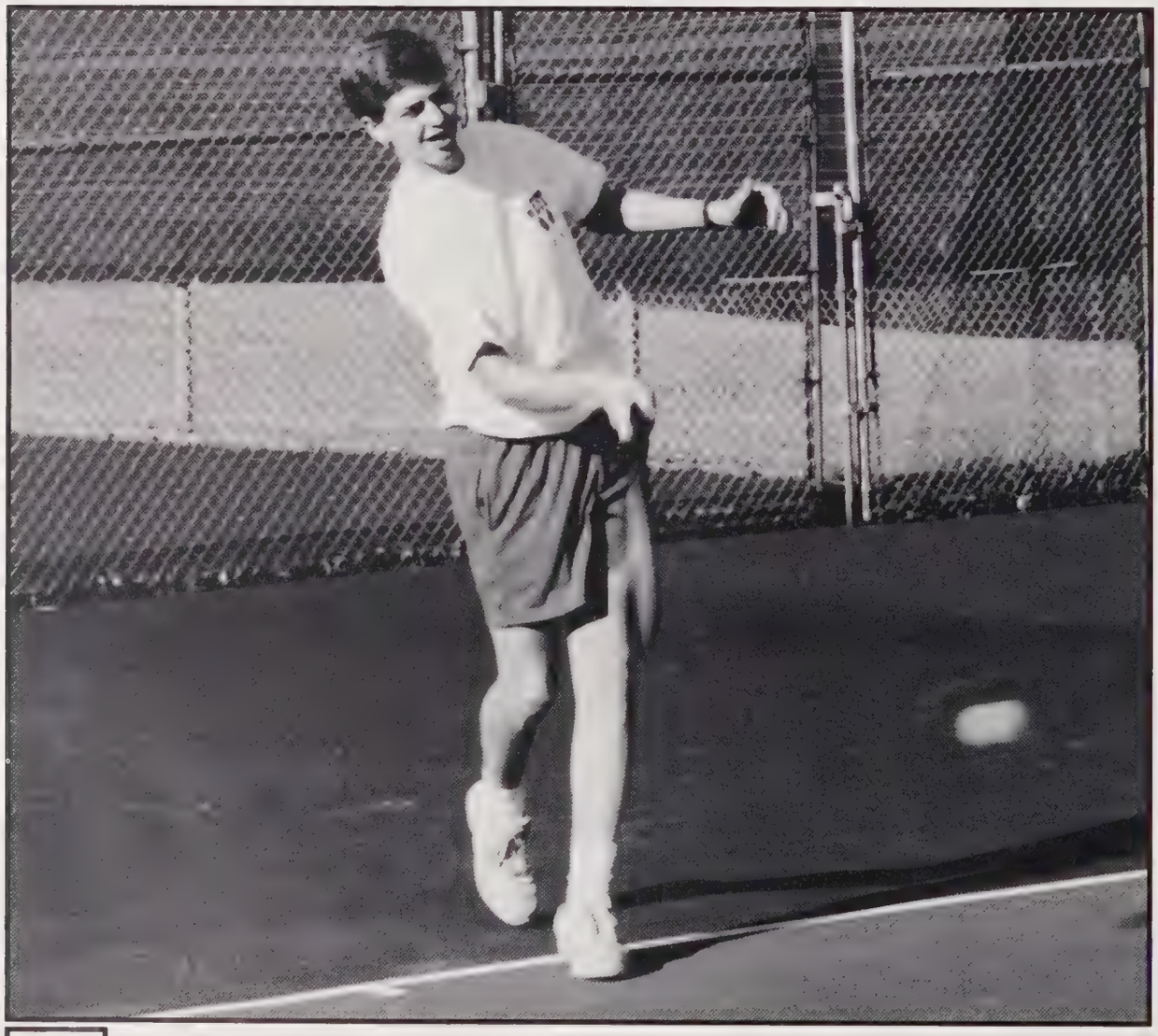
The Charlotte Hornets weekend included $25 for gas money, a one night hotel room and two tickets to a Charlotte Hornets game. "I believe the raffle was a good idea. The tennis team did a good job and made a lot of money," senior **David Sheldon** said.

The winning raffle ticket was drawn on Feb. 18. The winner was Sybil Cathey, who is the grandmother of junior **Michael Meadows**. "I thought it was cool that my grandmother won the prize, and I was happy for her," Meadows said.

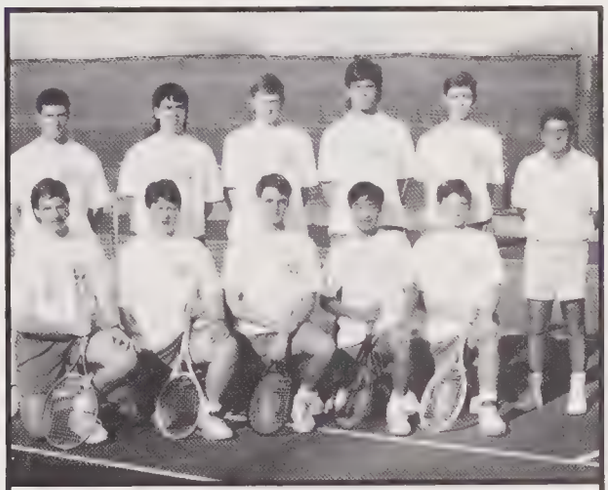
Part of the money raised went to buy warm-ups for the boys' tennis team. "The raffle was an overall success. It allowed the team to accomplish the goal of buying new equipment," junior **Chad Busch** said.

▪ **Take it back.** At an early March practice session at Jackson Park, junior Chad Busch returns a shot from one of the members of the Falcon tennis team.

▪ **Youth on court.** A freshman from Rugby, Matt Jorgenson, practices a forehand return of serve. Jorgenson, whose brother Joel was a senior on the team, was only the second freshman to ever play for the Falcons.



▪ **Follow through.** In order to return a shot, senior Aaron Thornton, a three year member of the tennis team, powers through with his swing. Thornton, the number two seed, played on the number one doubles team with junior Chad Busch.



▪ **BOYS' TENNIS.** FRONT ROW: Bo Dobson, Jeff Hill, Jerome Wilkie, You Jin Kim, Matt Jorgenson BACK ROW: Duke Simpson, Stacey Berger, Aaron Thornton, Joel Jorgenson, Chad Busch, Coach Kent Teeter

Helping times

Between classes and club meetings before and after school, students at West Henderson were involved. Class offerings for 1990-91 included two new courses, a dual-enrollment course offered through Blue Ridge Community College and a cross-age tutorial program. The school's clubs played an important role in community and school activities. Students Against Driving Drunk set Project Graduation into motion. FCA's teeter-tottering and Key Club's trick-or-treating for canned foods helped feed needy families at Thanksgiving. And Nature Club worked toward saving the environment by providing recycling bins so students could recycle everything from newspapers to tin cans. West Henderson's clubs proved they were willing to work together where they were needed.

■ **'Back to the future.'** In the second scene, the knights, ladies, and other members of King Arthur's court gather around the injured Hank Morgan. Hank Morgan, played by junior Dan Yon, was the main character in the drama department's production of *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.

▪ **Wet paint!** Senior Kristi McClung helps National Honor Society paint the driveway that leads to West Henderson. The painting was an annual NHS activity.

▪ **Town council.** Student Council members discuss upcoming events at their morning meeting. They usually had meetings in the morning since most people had after-school activities.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY DOES ITS PART FOR THE GULF CRISIS

With their record number of 20 new members, National Honor Society was especially busy. NHS members participated in many activities for the school, community and even the military overseas.

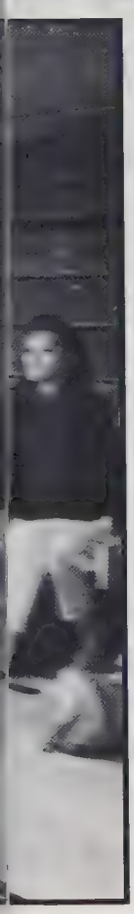
One of the group's major projects was the adopt a soldier program sponsored by Operation Yellow Ribbon. NHS obtained the name of a soldier in Saudi Arabia along with some information about him. From there, the club members were able to exchange letters with the soldier. Senior **Kristi McClung**, president of NHS, said, "The group of people involved in National Honor Society are very interested in world events. We felt this was a way to keep up with what was happening."

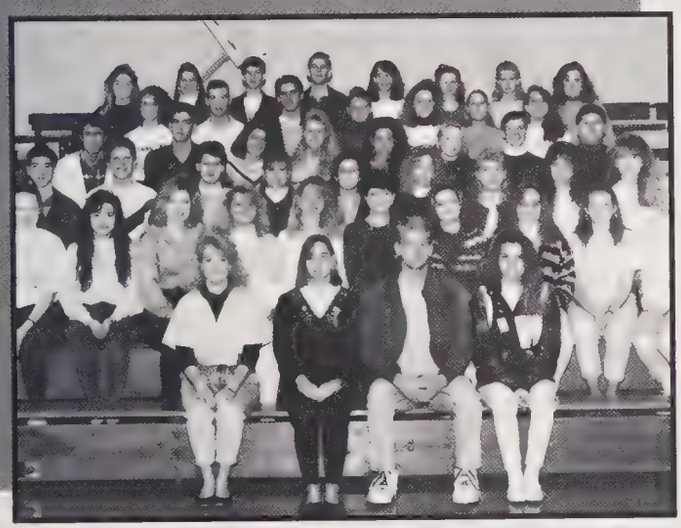
Another honor society project was awarding the annual scholarships for two seniors. In order to raise money for these, the club put together a scrapbook for the booster club. The members went through old yearbooks and annuals to find such things as scholarships, special awards and championships throughout the past 30 years. They also did odd jobs for teachers and people in the community. The odd jobs ranged from house cleaning to dog walking.

NHS members did a few things that most of the student body was unaware of. They painted the falcon and all of the falcon prints on the driveway up the hill. "Painting the falcon at the top of the hill was fun. To tell the truth, I think I had as much paint on my sweatshirt as what was on the falcon. The bad part was the day we did it the wind was blowing and the paint was blowing off the brush onto everything," senior **Susan Ray** said.

Whether it was writing letters to soldiers in Saudi Arabia or painting falcon prints, the NHS members kept busy.

▪ **Be prepared.** National Honor Society members get ready for their afternoon meeting. They usually held their meetings after school to talk about activities and fund raisers.





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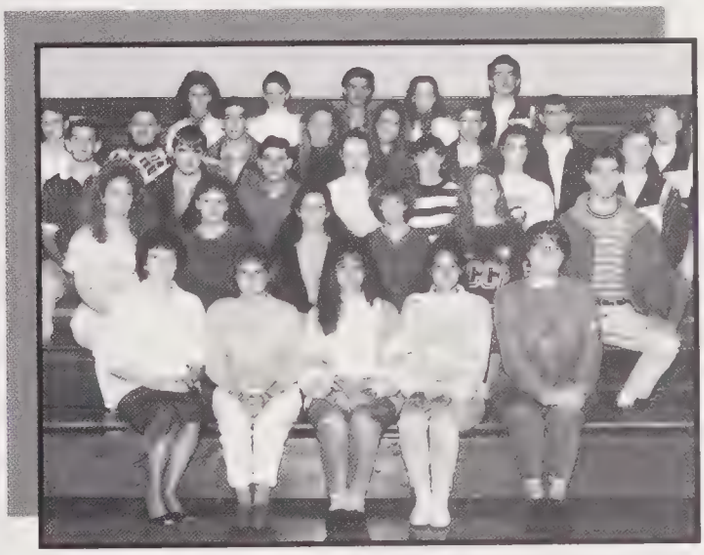

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OPENING THE NATURE TRAIL TO BENEFIT OTHER STUDENTS IS A CLUB ACTIVITY

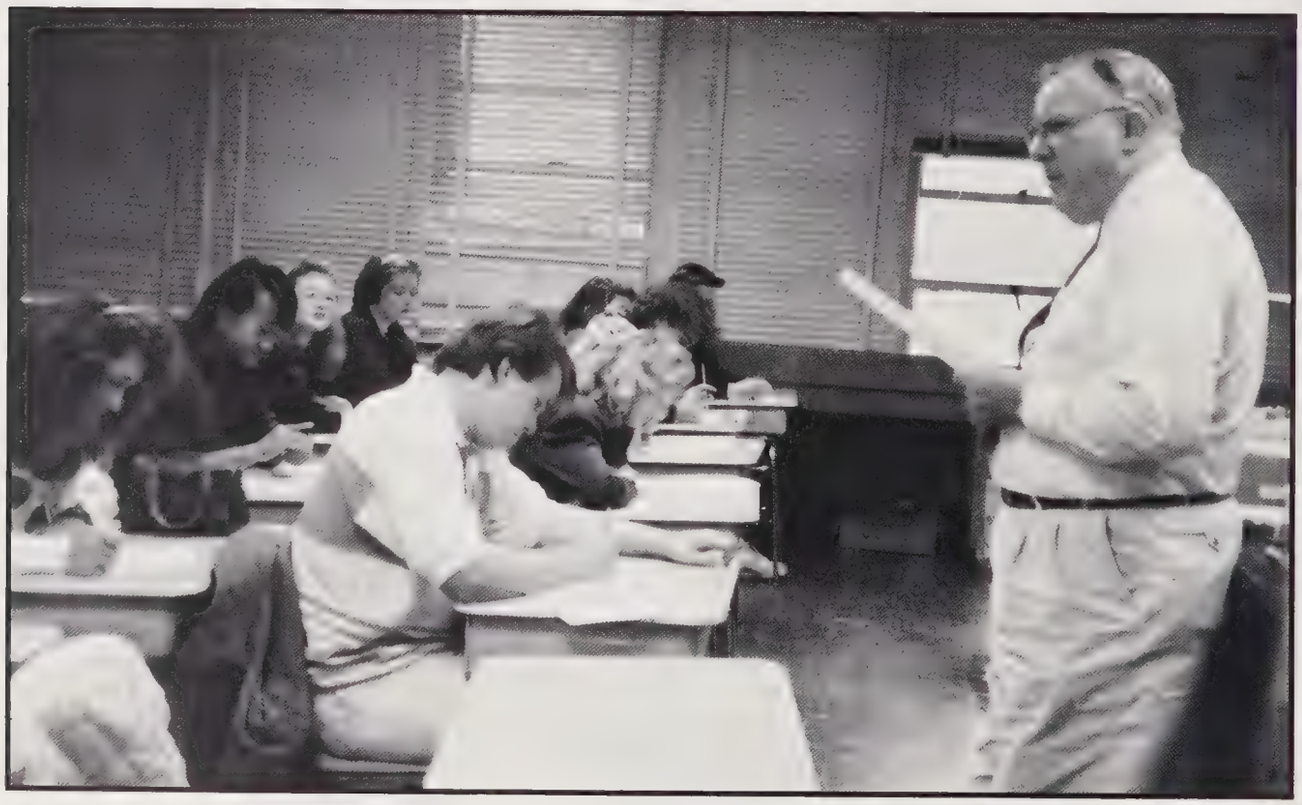
Of the many changes that took place at West Henderson, one was done by the students and for the students. It was the creation of the science department's Nature Trail and Outdoor Learning Center.

The trail received a whole new make-over with a grant the school received from the Henderson County Education Foundation. Among the changes and additions were drain fills and ditches to control water and keep the trail from washing away and landscape timbers that were put all the way around on one side of the trail and part of the way on the other side. The dam was repaired and new gravel was added. The agriculture class helped by building a bridge and benches along the way. All the work was done by students during and after school. **Lynn McKinney** said, "I'm really proud of the way the students and teachers helped out and of all the people who came out and supported us."

The renovations for the trail started on the drawing board three years ago. Numbered markers every ten meters tell about what is found along the trail. Learning stops are also located periodically along the trail.

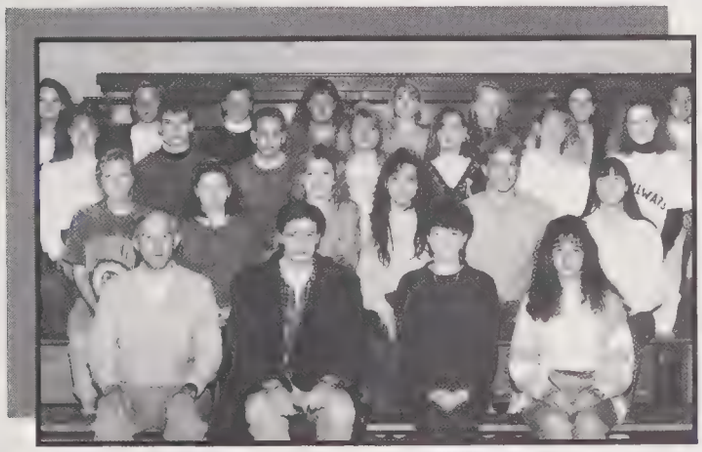
On Nov. 3 the Nature Club held a grand opening for the trail. Many West Henderson supporters from the school as well as the community attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony. **John Allen,** environmental science teacher and Nature Club sponsor, said, "We just hope everyone will appreciate it and use it and help preserve it. If they don't take care of it, they are only hurting themselves because it is designed, constructed and is for the students."

▪ **Ribbon Cutting.** The grand opening of the nature trail was Lynn McKinney's responsibility. He was president of the Nature Club and is involved in protecting the environment.



▪ **Balancing equations**. During his sixth period chemistry class, John McBride goes over the answers to a recent quiz. McBride gave quizzes frequently to help students learn chemistry.

▪ **Following the leader.** Participants and guests walk to the grand opening of the Nature Trail. The trail was opened to the public Nov. 3 at a ribbon-cutting honoring the students who worked on the trail.



▪ **NATURE CLUB**. FRONT ROW: John Allen–sponsor, Lynn McKinney–president, Staci McCormick–secretary, Laura Letterman–vice president SECOND ROW: Roxanne Ellis, Sheila Mellard, Andrea Mullins, Dusty McNabb, Brian White, April Woody THIRD ROW: Marianne Gore, Jimmy Strickland, David Sheldon, Monica Byrd, Jolie Jenkins, Karri Meibers, Kelly Levi BACK ROW: Laura Shoemaker, Bo Dobson, Daniel Montgomery, Sarah Gasperson, Laurie Saurborn, Sarah Hendricks, Kelley Marlowe, Christina Moore.

Why is environmentalism now a major issue?

"We're finally realizing there are a lot of things we're doing that mess up the earth. One thing I don't like is that environmentalism is becoming such a fad, but people don't really do anything about it."

Laura Shoemaker

"We've been abusing the environment so much. People are finally realizing how important it really is and that we had better do something about it before it is too late. We're not going to have any ozone to keep out ultraviolet rays."

Lynn McKinney

THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT'S FIRST PRODUCTION TELLS ALL

ABOUT CAMELOT

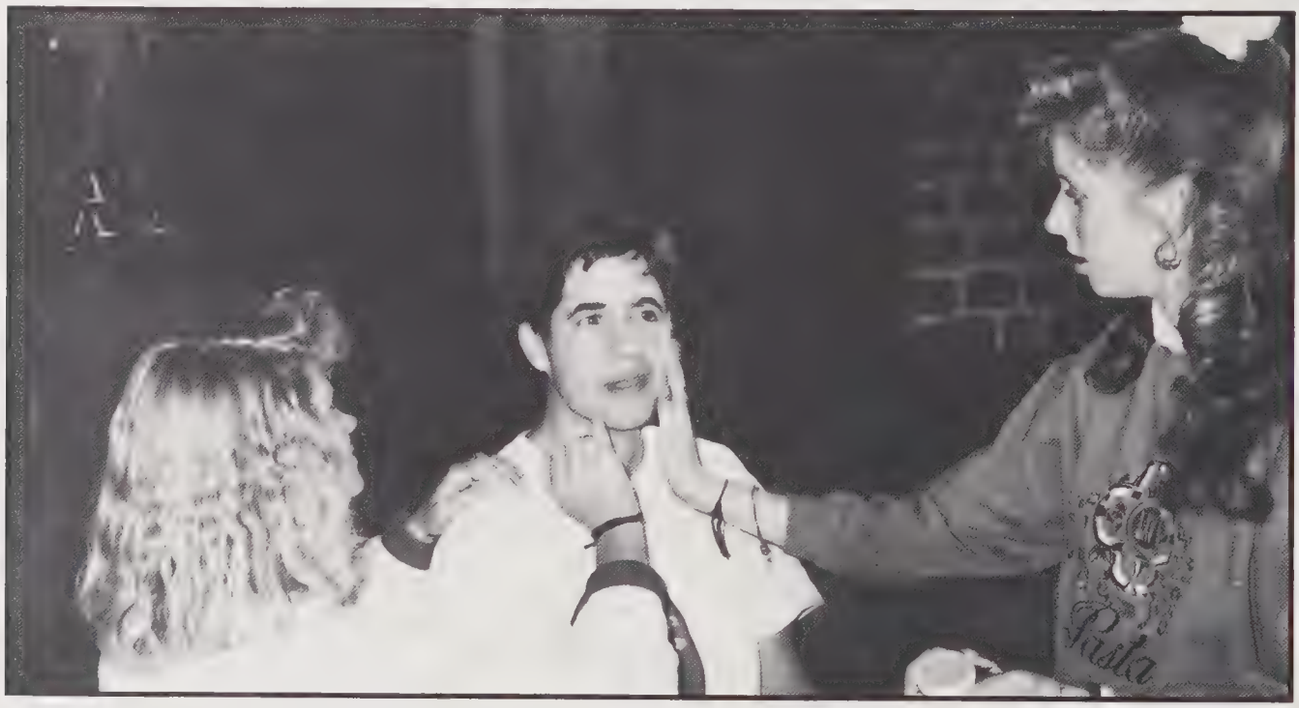
The drama department started off the school year by having auditions for a fall production of *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.* To audition, a person had to read aloud part of the script without any props and act out the assigned part. Sophomore **Chad Carter** said, "I was nervous because I didn't know if I would get the part and I didn't know what I was doing. I also didn't want to make a fool of myself in front of a bunch of people."

In preparation for the play, all the drama students aided in the building of the set. The set included a version of King Arthur's court and stone walls covered by vines. Junior **Jan Thrasher** said, "It is a good experience to help out with the sets, especially for those of us acting in the play, too. It is an opportunity to experience all aspects of the play."

The play told the tale of a Yankee from 20th-century Connecticut named Hank Morgan who dreams he goes back in time to King Arthur's court. Morgan is then faced by the dilemma of defeating an evil queen in order to save King Arthur and his subjects. After he defeats the evil queen, he wakes up and finds himself back in the 20th-century.

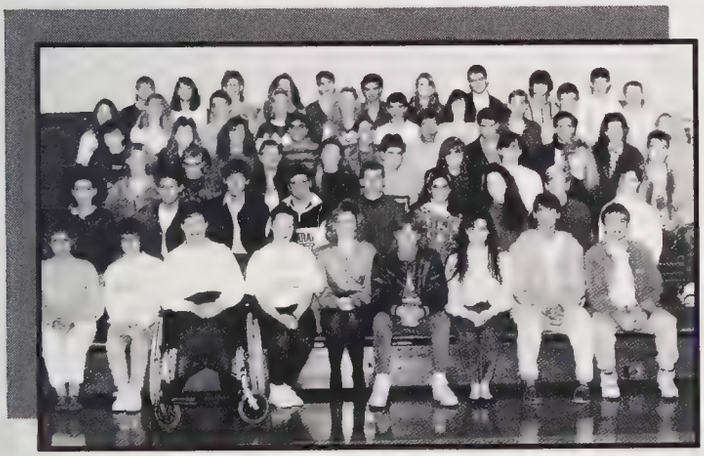
The play was adapted from a novel by Mark Twain. "The fact it was a comedy made it very fun to put on. Also you could understand more of the comedy. In last year's production of *Up the Down Staircase*, the jokes were buried in administrative jargon and you really had to know the school system to understand the jokes. With *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court,* the jokes were out in the open and anyone could understand them. The audience even laughed at lines that weren't meant to be funny at all," junior **Stephanie Beck** said.

▪ **Opening night.** In the second scene, the evil queen Morgan, Merlin, and one of the king's knights plan to take over King Arthur's court. Queen Morgan was always trying to destroy her brother, King Arthur.



▪ **Make-over magic.** While preparing for the play that evening, juniors Shelbi Fox and Laurel Gilbert put stage make-up on Duncan Trussell, who played Merlin. Fox and Gilbert were part of the make-up crew.

▪ **Finders Keepers.** The Jester, Chad Carter and a lady of the court, Jan Thrasher, discover a modern day invention called a radio watch. It was used to contact the main character, Hank Morgan, when he left the castle.



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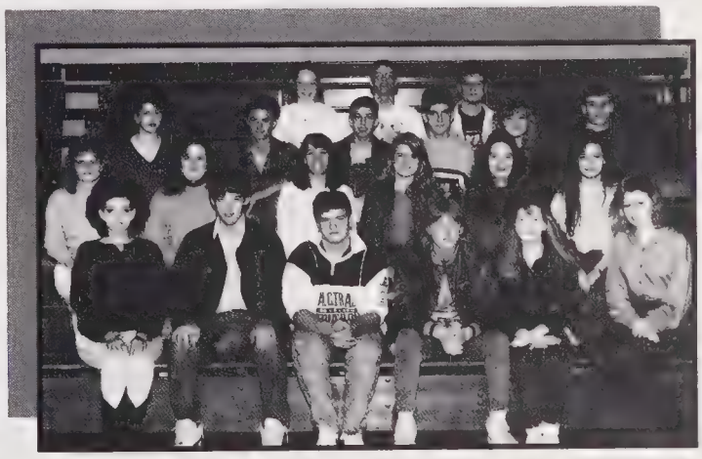

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CREATIVE PRESENTATIONS MAKE ENGLISH STUDENTS STARS

As she does each year, English teacher Janice Anderson assigned group projects in her classes. These projects usually consisted of a scene from one of the class's readings, parodies, or other drama-related activities. "These presentations helped me think for myself because you got to hear other people's opinions and evaluate your own," senior **Christina Moore** said. Many students opted to film their projects instead of doing them in front of the class.

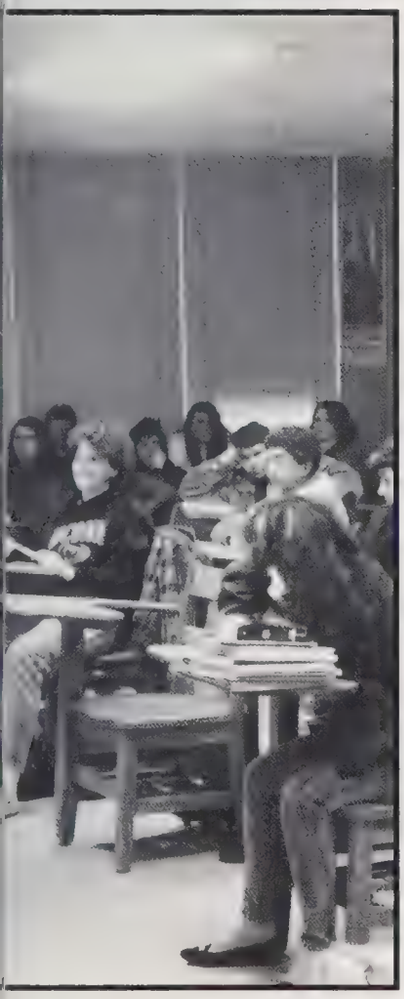
Since many groups had filmed their presentations during the year, Anderson decided to have a film festival. "I think it's a great idea. It would be fun to see some of the films I've helped make in the past. The parents will enjoy seeing a different side of their children." junior **Kevin Jackson** said.

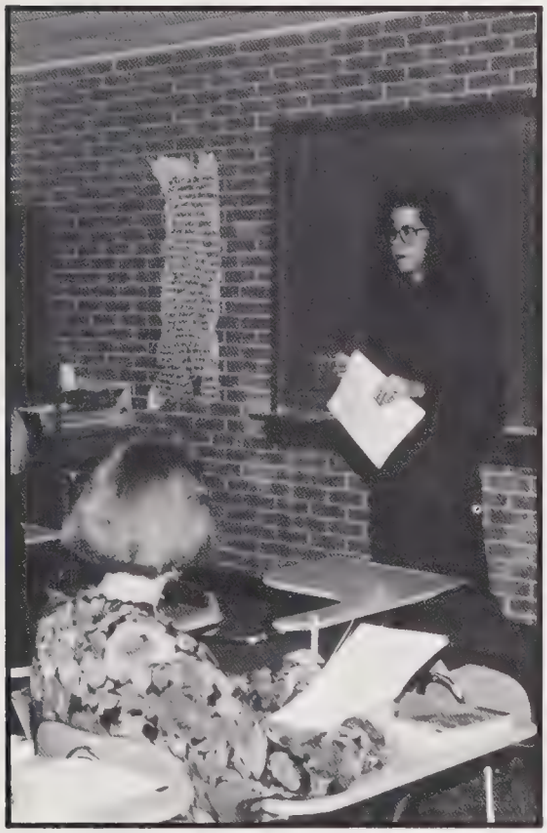
The film festival was held after school on Monday, Jan. 14. Parents and students were invited to watch filmed presentations from this school year and previous school years. Junior **Michael Williams** said, "I enjoyed the film festival because it was interesting to see the tapes of the presentations. Many people went to great lengths to do a good job, and some were excellent. The entire festival was fun, especially seeing things my friends had done."

▪ **Take a note.** Spanish teacher Maria Ashbrook reads a dictation to her class. This exercise gave students the chance to practice writing in Spanish.

▪ **Film festival.** Students stay after school to watch films made by their class and other classes taught by Janice Anderson. Anderson planned the film festival in order to let parents and students watch the films the classes had made.

▪ **A taste of French.** Junior Tim Barrett and sophomore David Gass eat crepes in their French class. Each year the foreign language classes picked a day in which each class member brought a foreign food to sample.





▪ **Chapter review.** Junior English teacher Jane Wood prepares her class for their test on early American authors. Juniors studied American literature in their English III classes.

How important is studying foreign language?

"I think it is really important because you need two years of a foreign language to get into a good college."

Brian Kisner

"It is very important because people need to know more than just one language so they can communicate with the world."

Paige Greene

■ **Teacher to the rescue.** While trying to finish his clay figure, junior Brad Hamilton turns to his art teacher for help. The figures were a major art project.

■ **Dance fever.** Sophomores Nikki Hopkins and Tammy Huntley strike a pose. This year the dance classes had a different teacher each semester.

■ **Artists at work.** Seniors Tracy Page and Aaron Thorton paint a picture of scenery. Painting is one of the basics in art.

MOST CLASSES HAVE ONE TEACHER, BUT DANCE HAD MORE THAN ONE

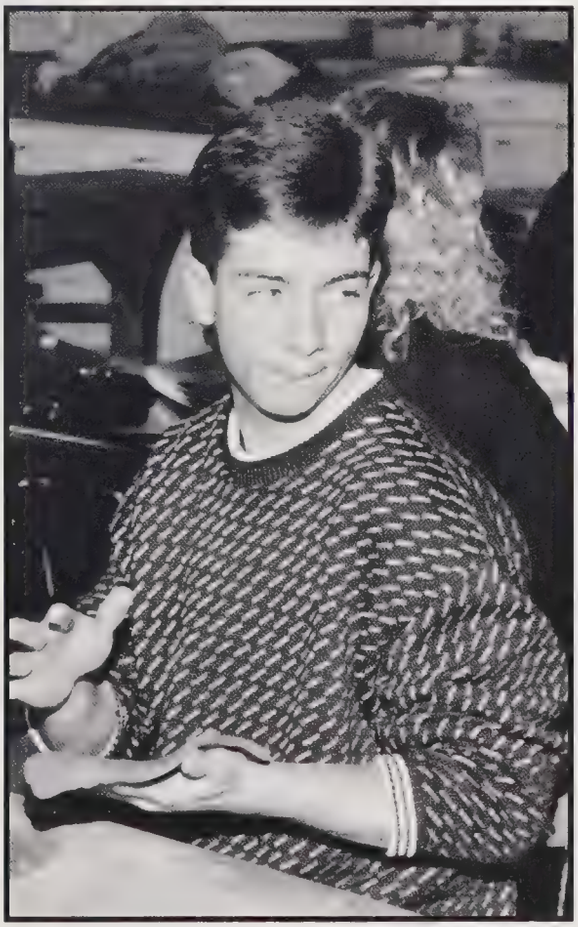
The dance department at West Henderson underwent a few changes. The biggest change was that Resi Dolbee, the dance teacher, was on maternity leave for the first semester. Fortunately, **Tricia Broderson** was ready and able to fill in for a while. However, Dolbee wasn't completely out of the picture; she assisted Broderson with the fall dance program, "Communication Through Dance."

Broderson decided the theme for the show through her work with the students. "I noticed that each student has a unique way of expressing themselves through dance. This expression we called communication," Broderson said. Months of preparation went into the program, which consisted of dances the students choreographed themselves during class. "The dancers and I both felt the performance demonstrated an enjoyable presentation of choreography. This experience will be a memorable one," Broderson said. Many of the dancers agreed. Junior **Brenda Shaw** said, "I really enjoyed this program because of the fun we had and the people in there."

Broderson and Dolbee's collaboration was a great success, according to the students. Senior **Jolie Jenkins** said, "The dance program allowed all of us the ability to perform in front of an audience and learn to receive criticism." The performance also gave the dancers an opportunity to get to know their new teacher. "Mrs. Broderson was a wonderful teacher, and I'll miss her. But I look forward to getting to know Mrs. Dolbee," sophomore **Chris Galloway** said.

▪ **Sculpting.** Senior Bobby Turner tries his hand at sculpture. This was one of the many projects art teacher Pat Worsham assigned to her classes.

▪ **Make a move.** Dance students practice their dance techniques in class. They put on several shows during the school year for the public and student body.



▪ **DANCE**. FRONT ROW: Amy Troy, Stacey McCall, Tammy Huntley, Julie Cox, Tricia Broderson–sponsor, Rachel Robinson, Angel Dalton, Anita Miller, Jolie Jenkins SECOND ROW: Lisa Shaw, Christy Smith, Stephanie Green, Tina Hensley, Nikki Webb, Jennifer Mallard, Laura Holweg THIRD ROW: Stephanie Russell, Brenda Shaw, Chris Galloway, Amy Souther, Dusty McNabb, Shelly Green, Beth Jackson, Jennifer Rumbough BACK ROW: Karri Meibers, Cory Anthony, Nikki Hopkins, Julie Seagraves, Tonya Maxwell

Does SADD make a difference at school?

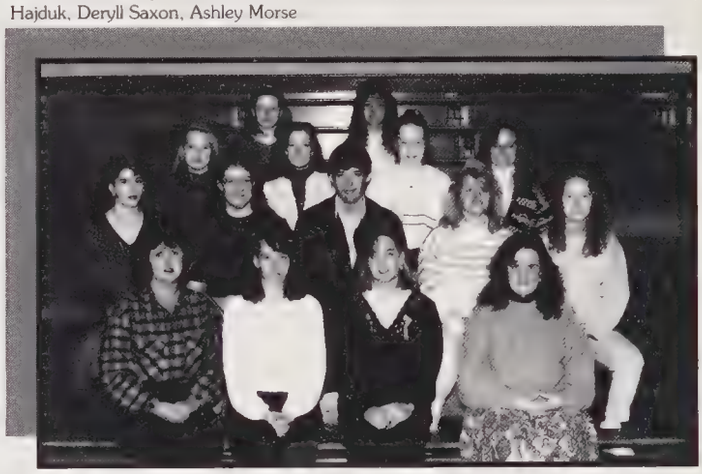
"I think that SADD is an important aspect of life at West. We educate people about alcohol and try to prevent drunk driving. With Project Graduation this spring, we will try to keep people from getting injured in alcohol-related accidents."

Shannon Stover

"I think that SADD has done a lot for the school this year. We kept very busy with Project Graduation and other ideas to discourage kids from driving while intoxicated."

Joan Turpin

▪ **SADD.** FRONT ROW: Joan Turpin, Laura Letterman, Shelia Mellard, Sponsor John Dixon SECOND ROW: Amy Hatmaker, Alison Gooding, Hollie Corn, Bo Dobson, Becky Sams, Emily Gore, Mandy Moore, Marianne Gore, Richard Loftis, Sherry Maxwell THIRD ROW: Amy Oxendine, Stephanie Beck, April Gibson, Shannon Stover, Sarah Hendricks, Roxanne Ellis, Jana Sizemore, Scottie Juhasz, Amy Hill FOURTH ROW: Joy Seagal, Elizabeth Crocker, Ann Parker, Keri Pressley, Sheldon Smith, Adrianna Bock, Tracy Thomas, Monica Byrd, Aaron Spratt FIFTH ROW: Tonya Youngblood, Bridget Tillman, Julie Kumor, Stephen Wells, Bernie Grauer, Keith Jensen, Pam Miller, Maya Cruzada BACK ROW: Stephanie Williams, Brenda Shaw, Laurie Bailey, Jennifer Flynn, Tiffany Hajduk, Deryll Saxon, Ashley Morse



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▪ **Talk it over**. SADD members Laura Letterman, Keith Jensen, Becky Sams and Sheila Mellard discuss plans for their next meeting. They also discussed upcoming activities like Project Graduation .

AMONG THE MANY ACTIVITIES OF SADD PROJECT GRADUATION IS PRIORITY ONE

Plans for West Henderson's first ever Project Graduation were set into motion by Students Against Driving Drunk at the beginning of the school year. The basic idea behind the project was to provide members of the Class of 1991 with a drug-free, alcohol-free party on graduation night. "We can't stop people from drinking and driving, but we can make a difference. Somebody has to, or it will never change," **John Dickson**, SADD sponsor, said.

Preparations for Project Graduation included writing letters to the parents of the senior class to explain the project and ask for parental support, conducting surveys to determine what activities the seniors wanted for the party, and soliciting donations for food, entertainment and door prizes. "I thought Project Graduation was a great way to keep people off the road on graduation night. This way those who chose not to drink would be safely away from those who do drink and try to drive. Community support has also been overwhelming," junior SADD member **Stephanie Beck** said.

Hendersonville High School had had a Project Graduation for the past two years, and East Henderson began Project Graduation in 1990. The initial response of West Henderson's senior class was not as enthusiastic as SADD members had hoped, but Dickson and SADD president **Joan Turpin** believed the idea would catch on and grow. "I've been very encouraged by the results that East and Hendersonville have had with their parties. Hendersonville has had a Project Graduation for two years now, and last year 100 out of 115 graduating seniors attended. East had good results also, as last year was their first year. I hope we will see success in years to come," Turpin said.

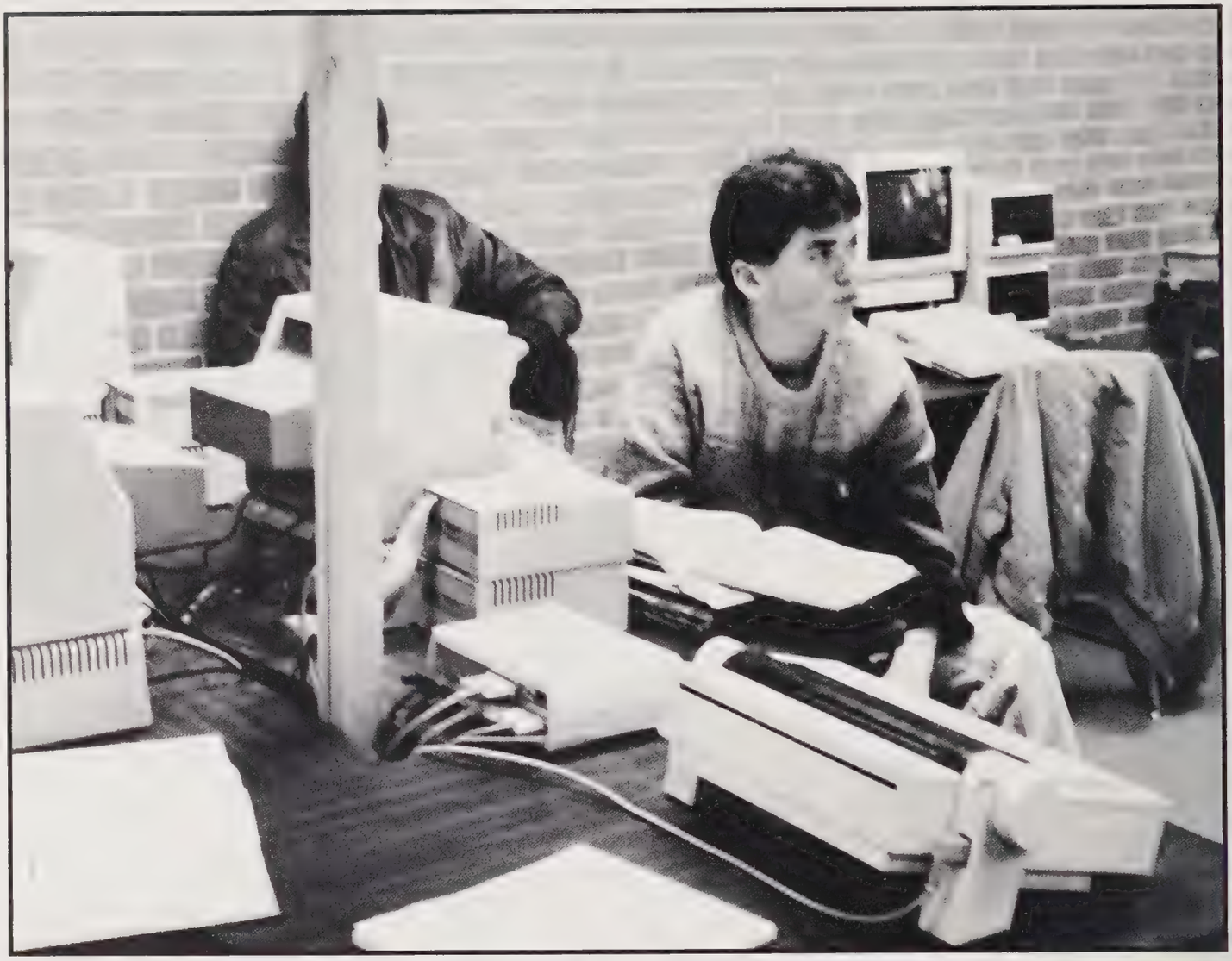
A big part of the preparation for Project Graduation was soliciting donations. Parents and area business owners were asked to get involved by making contributions.

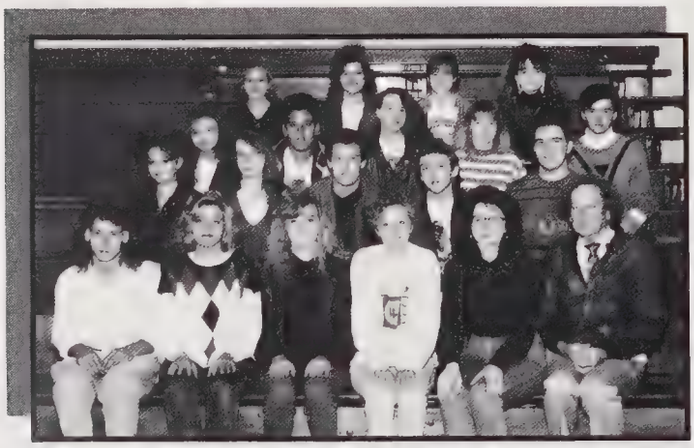
▪ **Dinner date.** John Dickson listens to Ray Bennett, a police officer, as he offers some tactics on how to keep students from drinking and driving. The SADD meeting was held at Mr. Gatti's.

▪ **Business as usual.** Senior Joan Turpin talks with John Dickson about the preparations needed for Project Graduation. Turpin was president of SADD.

■ **Learning and listening.** Computer basics take time and energy. Sophomore Matt Bradley patiently awaits his instructions for the day. The computer classes were taught by Larry Ashcraft.

■ **Geometric mean.** Barbara Lemmons, a geometry teacher, instructs her class on how to find the geometric mean. This is one of the fundamentals of learning geometry.





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■ **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA.** FRONT ROW: Linette Laughter, Bobbi Joe Kroger, Ginger Edwards, Kim Toney, Tammy Martin, Barry Graham, Laura Wilson, Sponsors Linda Graham, Priscilla Aaron SECOND ROW: Michelle Sisk, Shelley Wilson, Audrey Galloway, Tonya Stamey, Lesley Williams, Jolie Jenkins, Sonya Melton, Shawna Coates, Marianne Gore THIRD ROW: Tonya Youngblood, Annette Mathis, Jennifer Georgia, Tammy Sizemore, Jeremy Waldrup, Pheadra Cowart, Beth Jackson, Lance Caraker, Mandy Moore FOURTH ROW: Melissa Roberts, Melissa Garren, Carrie Clark, Bridgette Brown, Michael Marlowe, Jeff Sanders, Nick Newell, Julie Etherton, Scottie Juhasz FIFTH ROW: Tracy Linsey, Taunya Craig, James Crane, William Hunnicutt, Travis Brotherton, Skipper Juhasz, Barry Barton, Tiffany Hajduk BACK ROW: Wendy Barton, Debby Kilby, Julie Seagraves, Melissa Barnwell, Crystal Owenby, Rhonda Garren, Paige Greene, Kim Wilson, Ashley Morse

OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

FBLA MEMBERS PLAYED

SANTA CLAUS

Like many clubs, the Future Business Leaders of America found much to do. The 54 members started the year by getting involved in service projects throughout the community. The FBLA members first participated with other West Henderson organizations by raking and cleaning up the Johnson Farm. Since the farm was being developed into an educational heritage center for the students of Henderson County, the members thought helping out would make a worthwhile project.

"It was a really good project. I was proud that our club took part in it," sophomore **Jeff Sanders** said.

Sponsoring a local family during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays was another project FBLA members decided to do. Through the Department of Social Services, FBLA found a local family in need of assistance. "The family has three children and a single mother. We don't know who they are, so we take the food and gifts we've collected to social services and they deliver it to the family," **Linda Graham**, one of the FBLA sponsors, said.

These and other service projects helped the FBLA members experience the rewards of helping others. "It made me feel good to know that we were able to help a family and brighten a Christmas for them," sophomore **Audrey Galloway** said.

▪ **Wrap session.** While at an FBLA meeting, some of the members take time out to wrap a few Christmas presents. These presents went to help a needy family FBLA adopted over the holidays.

JOURNALISM CLASSES WORK TO MEET THEIR DEADLINES

Deadlines were an important challenge for both of the journalism classes during the school year. Deadlines required the *Wingspan* and *Westwind* staffs to get things in and ready for publication. If the staffs had not met their deadlines, it would have caused problems for the students and all those affected by the school newspaper and yearbook. Junior **Jan Thrasher** said, "There is a lot involved with being on the newspaper staff. The main thing that people fail to recognize is the pressure. If your story isn't finished on time, or it isn't as good as it should be, then you're letting the whole staff down. It is really a team effort."

When the *Westwind* staff did not make their deadlines, they began receiving penalty points. These penalty points could have led to delayed publication. Senior **April Woody**, Westwind editor, said, "I am under so much stress during deadline time. It is so hectic in the room with everyone running around trying to get all of the pages together, and I'm trying to make sure that's being done. I feel like I am responsible for every page, and this really stresses me out."

The *Wingspan* staff also had to deal with deadlines. If a deadline was not met, the printing date was put off to a later date. "During deadline week, I usually miss most of my classes and that upsets some of my teachers. I get on Senor's nerves by constantly asking him if I can leave to do things for the newspaper. Deadline week is stressful, but once we get the newspaper completed and have the final copy, you realize it was worth the work. Being a part of the *Wingspan* has been the most important aspect of high school for me, so I really don't mind the deadlines," *Wingspan* editor, senior **Susan Ray,** said.

Both staffs had to be sure all information was in the computer and all pages were ready for publication. All work had to be proofread and then checked by adviser Brenda Gorsuch and the editors. If these deadlines weren't met, none of the students would have been able to receive a newspaper or yearbook.

• **Teacher-student conference.** Brenda Gorsuch, journalism adviser, discusses the upcoming deadline with sophomore Andrea Mullins. There were various deadlines throughout the year.

▪ **Laying out.** Juniors Jennifer Chalfin and Ann Parker draw layouts for their section. Chalfin and Parker were co-editors of the people section.

▪ **Computer whiz.** Senior Karen Gasperson places her copy in the computer. All the pages in the annual and newspaper had to be put on the computer.

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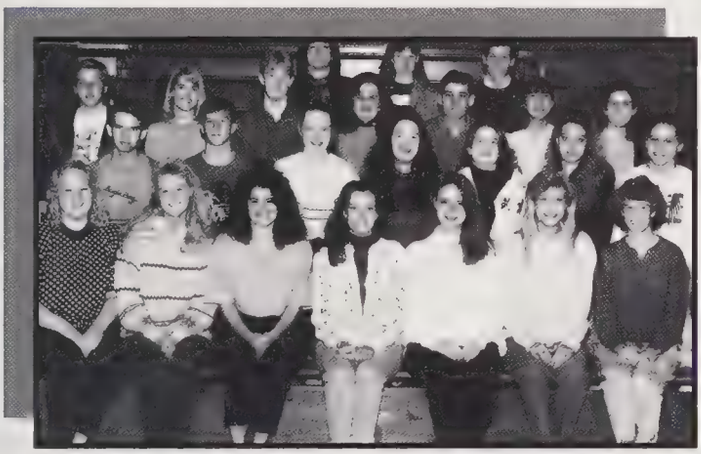

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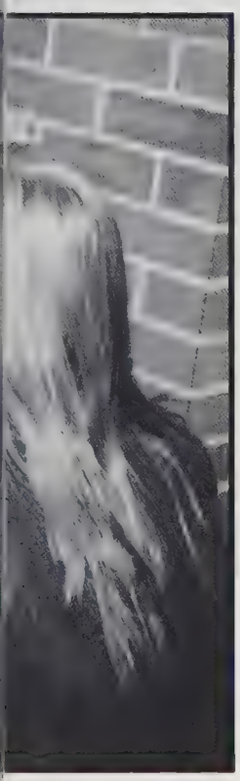

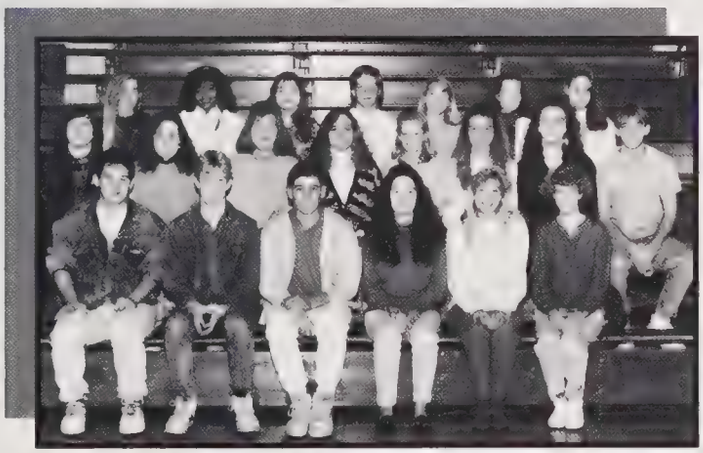

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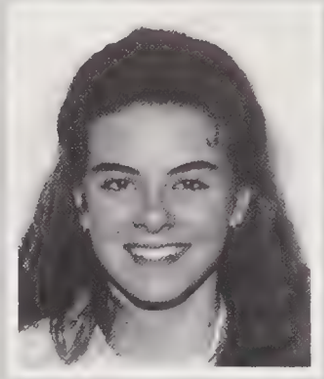
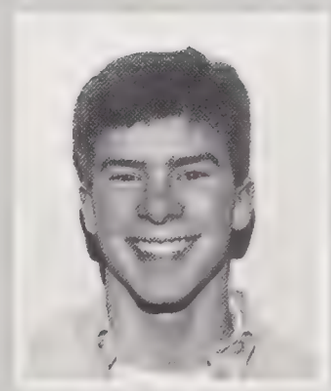
Is journalism as easy as most people think?



"Being on the *Wingspan* staff is harder than people realize. Every story printed has had lots of work put into it and has usually been written and rewritten several times."

Kim McCall



"A lot of people think that we just come in here and sit or have a party. The majority of the time is spent doing research or writing."

Deryll Saxon

TUTORING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR HELPS STUDENTS BUILD CHARACTER

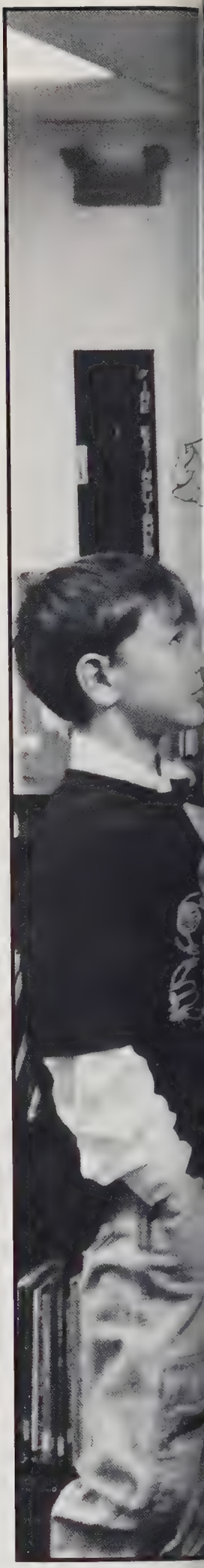
Across-age tutoring program, the Winner's Circle, was a new program introduced to West Henderson. In the spring of 1990 guidance counselor Lynn Moore wrote a grant proposal describing the program. In the fall it was funded by the Rotary Club. The 10 students involved in this program took a class during fifth period in which they learned tutoring skills. "I think it is educational for both the tutor and the child and will help us both later in life," junior **Brook King** said.

The purpose of this program was to help elementary students in grades four through six who had difficulty in their subjects. A teacher from each class selected a child and an alternate. Each tutor worked with one particular child. "I think it's good we only worked with one child each because I can be more attentive to one student and focus on his weaknesses to help him more than if I had more than one student," junior **Franklin Darity** said.

The program was started at Mills River Elementary School. This was the first time it had been tried in Henderson County, and if the program proved to be a success it could be extended to other schools. "I think the program will be a success because we have the right kind of people tutoring right now that want to be successful and that will make it successful," junior **Philip Keefe** said.

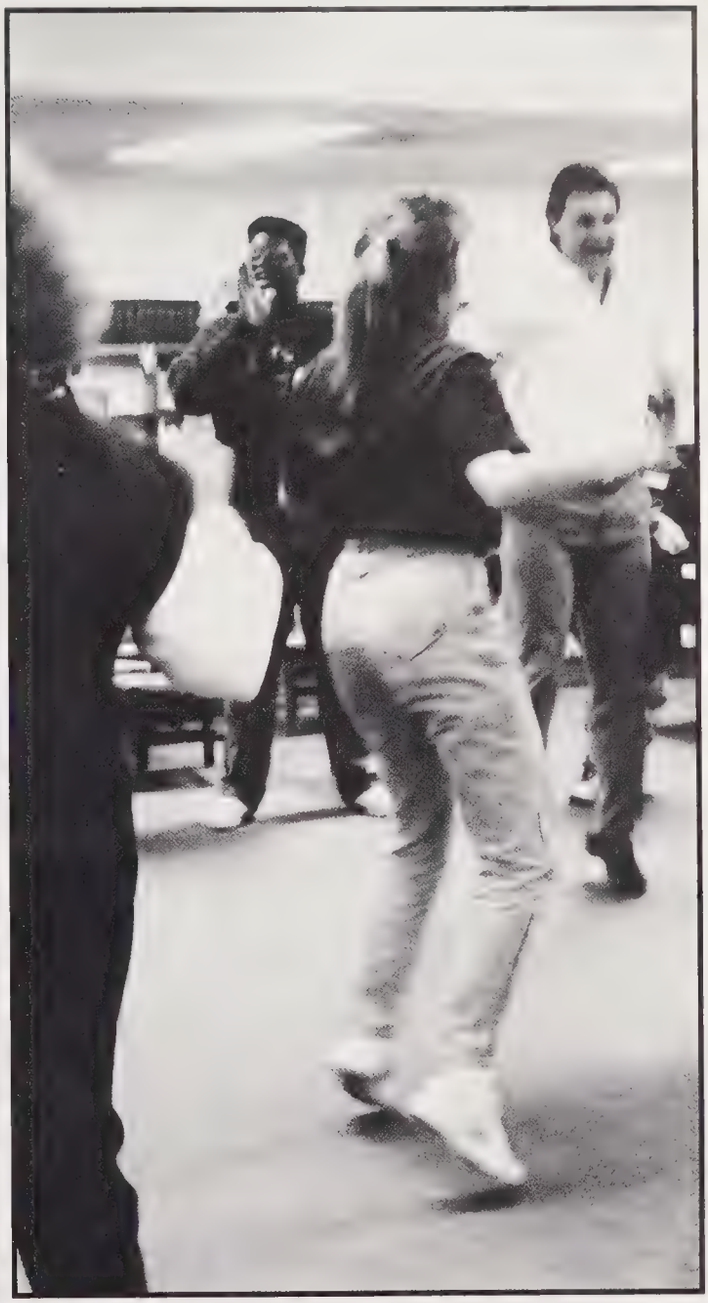
The tutors learned about many different styles of learning to prepare them for tutoring. They had guest speakers and visual aids to prepare them. "I think this program is beneficial because of what I want to major in, which deals with children," junior **Leslie Rice** said.

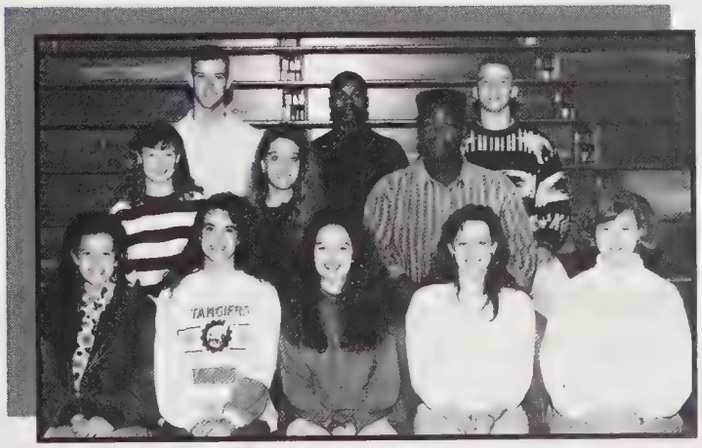
▪ **Group work.** Several of Janet Stakias' students work together on a project about Asian countries. These projects were later presented to the class and counted as part of their grade for the second quarter.



▪ **Forming friendships.** Junior Odell Suber gets acquainted with one of the students at Mills River Elementary School. It was important for the Winner's Circle tutors and the children they helped to feel comfortable together.

▪ **Getting to know you**. Cross-age tutor Odell Suber directs a communication game at Mills River Elementary School. This was the first opportunity the tutors had to form relationships with the students.





▪ **WINNER'S CIRCLE**. FRONT ROW: Leslie Rice, Donna Wilson, Jan Thrasher, Kelly Lanning, sponsor Lynn Moore SECOND ROW: Leigh Brock, Jennifer Chalfin, Odell Suber BACK ROW: Philip Keefe, Franklin Darity, Brook King

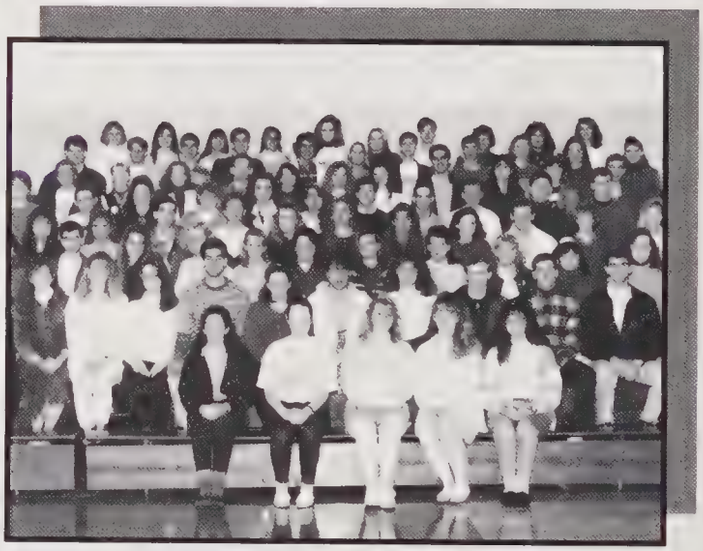
How does Key Club help the community?

"I think Key Club helps the community in several ways, such as helping the Carl Sandburg home set up lights during the holidays and helping at the Rape Crisis Center."

Christina Moore

"The things Key Club participates in, like trick-or-treating for the needy and helping at the Rape Crisis Center, really make a difference in the community."

Rhett Ingerick



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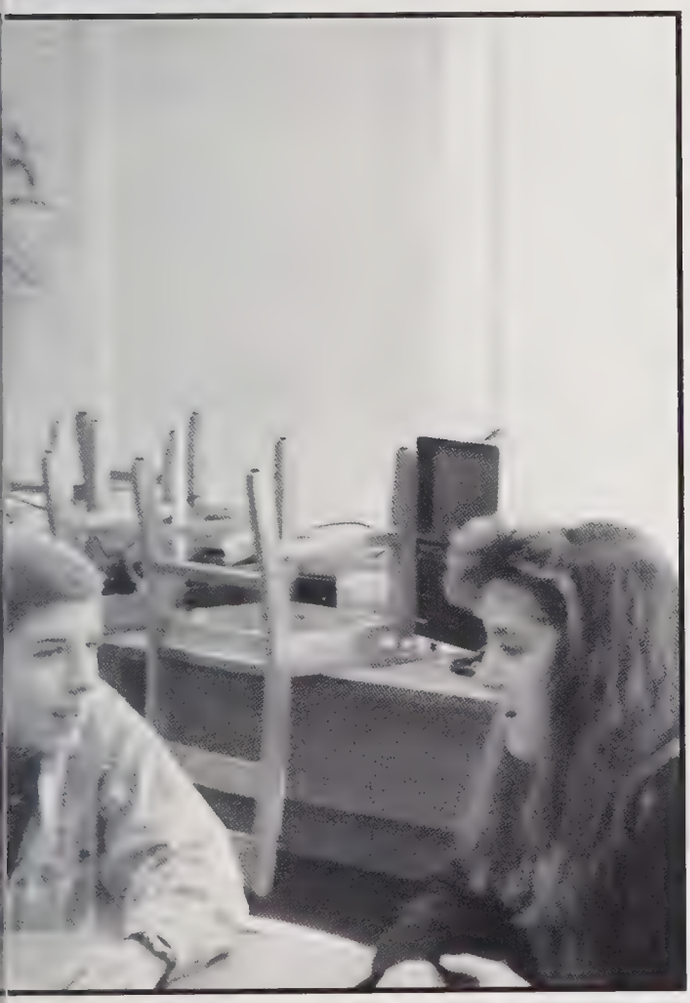
CONFERENCES GIVE KEY CLUB MEMBERS NEW IDEAS

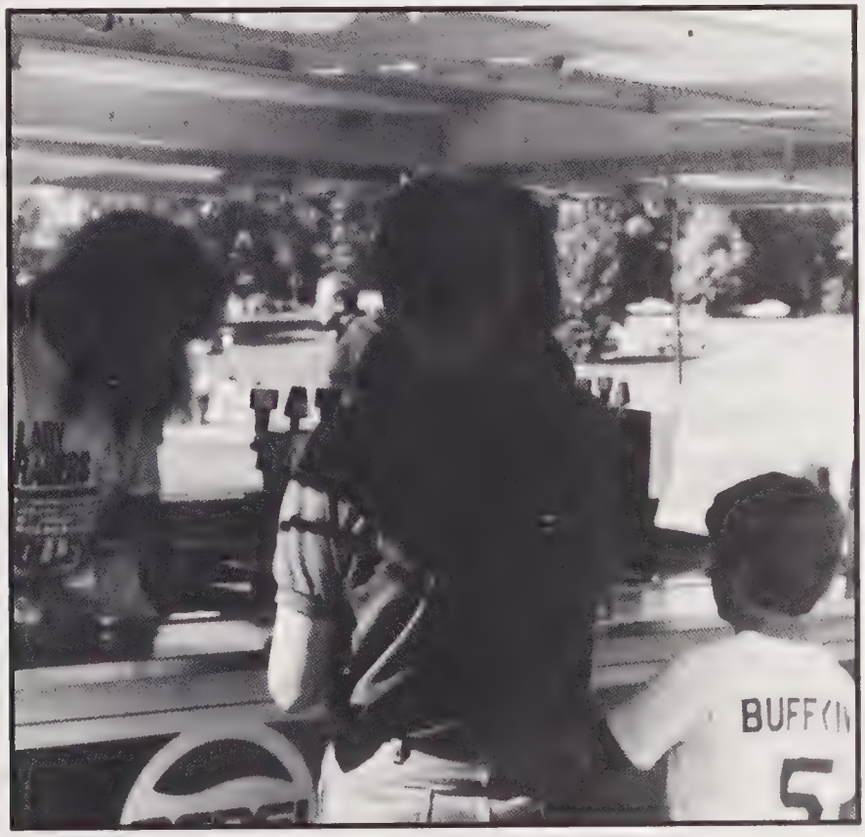
In the middle of the school year, Key Club hosted a training conference. This conference was to train new Key Club members and give the older members new ideas about fund raisers and other community activities. Senior **Kelley Marlowe** said, "The training conference helped because it was something I had to put together on my own. I think it was successful since a lot of clubs were there who got to learn about Key Club and share ideas."

The training conference was held at West Henderson because Marlowe was the lieutenant governor of Division One. Division One includes West Henderson and Key Clubs from other area schools. Every year the school where the lieutenant governor attends holds the training conference.

Key Club members also went on their traditional trick-or-treat outing. "I think not only is the trick-or-treating fun, but it also benefits the less fortunate families in our community," junior **Richard Loftis** said. The Key Club members trick-or-treated for canned goods to give to people who were in need throughout the community. Key Club also sent several members to the Carl Sandburg home around Christmas time to set up lights on the grounds. The lights were used to guide people along a Christmas walk during the evening hours. "I think the Key Club does a lot of good for the community. They put hard work and effort into all the activities they participate in throughout the year," senior **Kristi McClung** said.

▪ **A day in the life.** Lieutenant Governor Kelley Marlowe, a senior at West Henderson, speaks at a training conference held by Key Club. Marlowe was lieutenant governor of Division One.





▪ **Club forum.** Several Key Club members discuss possible fund raisers. Key Club members helped people throughout the community.

▪ **Choice of a new generation.** Key Club members sell Pepsi during Farm City Day. Key Club often helped out with community activities.

DURING THE FALL

FCA TEETER-TOTTERS TO HELP THE NEEDY

FCA is an organization that was started in order to bring the Christian ministry into schools across the United States. FCA stands for Fellowship of Christian Athletes because the founders felt that athletes were looked up to by other students, and if they joined FCA, others would also.

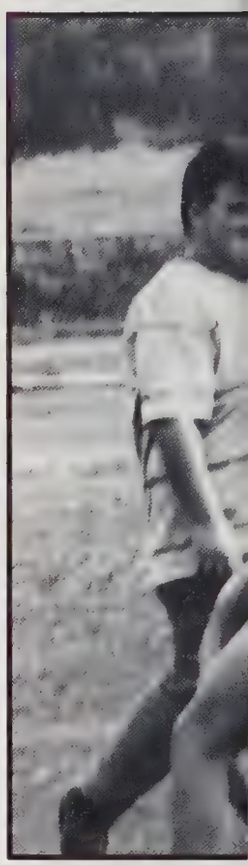
Over the years FCA has grown and become a national organization. One of the groups's annual fund raisers that is conducted, not only at West Henderson but also across the country, is teeter-tottering. Sponsor **Greg Price** said, "Teeter-tottering worked in other places as a fund raiser so we tried it here."

Before the students could participate, they had to get pledges to raise money. The members began to take shifts teeter-tottering shortly after school on a Friday and continued until late Saturday morning. "I decided to teeter-totter so I could become more involved in FCA and have an opportunity to help people in some way," **Jennifer Georgia** said.

The money raised by FCA was collected by Price at the beginning of November. It was used later that month to help feed the homeless at Ministry Seven during Thanksgiving. "Teeter-tottering was good because it gave me a chance to help people during the holiday seasons," junior **Dan Yon** said.

▪ **For the fun of it.** In order to help FCA raise money to help feed the needy, seniors Christina Moore and Ricky Bryson teeter-totter during a home football game. The teeter-totter-thon was an annual fund raiser for FCA.

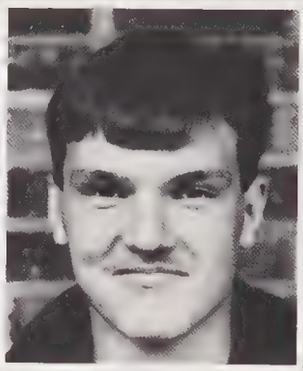
▪ **Taking turns.** While waiting for their turn to teeter-totter, sophomore Nikki Hopkins, junior Dan Yon, senior Jolie Jenkins and other FCA members play a game of cards. The teeter-tottering lasted all night.



▪ **Ready...set...hike.** During a sixth period physical education class, students play football as their activity for the day. Since most of the students were football players, they usually played football on warm days to get in a little extra practice.

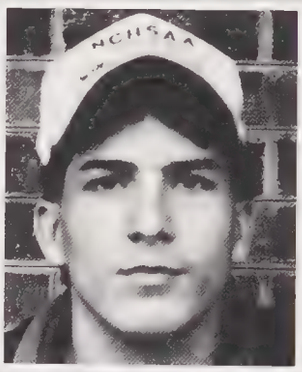
▪ **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES.** FRONT ROW: Jennifer Keefe, Aaron Thornton–co-vice president, April Woody–president, Christina Moore–co-vice president, Christina Planck–secretary/treasurer SECOND ROW: Stephanie Beck, Jennifer Georgia, Alison Gooding, Tonya Youngblood, Chris May, Chuck Bratu, Tabatha Corthell, David Sheldon, Karla Stevens, Marianne Gore, Jaran Stratton THIRD ROW: Rodney Robinson, Jimmy Strickland, Kelley Marlowe, Ricky Bryson, David Waechter, Laurie Bailey, Jennifer Flynn, Jerrod Marshall, Amy Hill, Amy Hatmaker, Paige Greene FOURTH ROW: Roger Gonce, Andrea Mullins, Melissa Burkholder, Kisha Dowell, Tracy Lindsay, Keri Pressley, Amy Murphy, Amanda Dillard, April Sorrells, Pheadra Cowart, Angie Kimball, Emily Gore FIFTH ROW: Dusty McNabb, Lesley Williams, Ashley Morse, Robin Sorrells, Stephanie Cone, Amanda Meckley, Kari Johnson, Katie Schwoerer, Jolie Jenkins, Kelly Levi, Chris Parker, Jeremy Waldrup SIXTH ROW: B.J. Johnson, Wes Crawford, Tara Venn, Kim Parris, Jennifer Gruca, Danna Neill, Phillip Keefe, Staci McCormick, Monica Byrd, Nikki Hopkins, Chad Murphy BACK ROW: Bobby Turner, Kevin Robertson, Tiffany Hajduk, Chad Busch, Deryll Saxon, Brad Welch, Donna Wilson, Peyton Elliot, Michael Pryor, Trey Small, Shann Davis, Marc Gibson.

How do you think on-the-job experience helps you?



"Masonry teaches us how to lay bricks which could help if I decide to become a brick mason for my career in the future."

Tony Williams



"Carpentry prepares me for a possible working career in carpentry because of the hands-on experience."

Richie Dusinberre

▪ **Primping.** Putting on protective gloves and clothing is a vital step in welding, a step that is understood by the welding participants in Blue Ridge Community College's dual enrollment program. Due to the torches used in class, masks with protective eye coverings were also necessary.

▪ **Home sweet home.** The carpentry students work on the house they are building every day during school hours. The project was scheduled to be finished in 1991. After completion the house will be sold to the highest bidder.

▪ **VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA.** FRONT ROW: Richard Colgan–sponsor, Danny Case–parliamentarian, Vee Mintz–secretary, Tommy Hart–vice president, Dwayne Robinson–co-president, Misti Barnes–co-president, Michael Shaw–treasurer, Barry Graham–historian, Craig Pendergraft–sponsor SECOND ROW: Chad Wycoff, Tim Austin, Scott Campen, Jason Holbert, Brandon Corn, Toby Taylor, Stacey Berger, Jason Perdue, Tim Barrett, Rusty Gregg THIRD ROW: David Boyette, Diane Siedentopf, Phillip McElreath, James Blackwell, Tony Seagle, Clint Greene, Aaron Hensley, Tim Eplee, Sean Guilmette, Danny Bryant, Michael Hensley, Marshall Bailey, Johnny Worley FOURTH ROW: Brian Lindsey, Randy Fischer, Richie Dusinberre, Taylor Fowler, Chris McCall, Shawn Sitton, Tony Williams, John King, Burnis Souther, Shane Stepp, Aaron Thornton FIFTH ROW: Rodney Thompson, Chris Phillips, Andy Duggins, Tonya Youngblood, Tony Bentley, Merrill Livingston, Greg Parham, Frank Mazolic, Kevin Rice, Greg Gordon, Mark Capps, Brad Pridmore SIXTH ROW: Paul Rasnick, Scott Kent, Cary Mikalik, Robert Messinger, Mark Baldwin, Joseph Baer, Josh Gray, David Jones, Jimmy Parton, Jeff Brown, Kyle Kitchen, Ken Neal, Craig Clayton BACK ROW: Jason Seaman, Eddie Sweezy, Shawn Wildes, James McCall, Michael Martinez, Jeff Landers, Jimmy Jackson, Scott Gilbert, Roger Goodrich, Brad Sumner, Phillip Whitaker, Gerald Gillespie, Jerry Ard, John Skocik

ONE NEW OPTION TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE IS DUAL ENROLLMENT

One of the two new courses offered at West Henderson was the dual enrollment course. This course allowed students to earn college credit while also earning credits toward their high school graduation. "The purpose of this course is to give high school seniors the opportunity to take certain vocational classes that weren't previously offered here at West Henderson," career counselor **Ray Berkley** said.

▪ **Getting it together.** Participants in the dual enrollment program prepare for their welding class before their teacher arrives. These students from the three county high schools went to Blue Ridge Community College in the morning; then they spent the remainder of the day at their home schools taking the courses they needed to graduate in the spring.

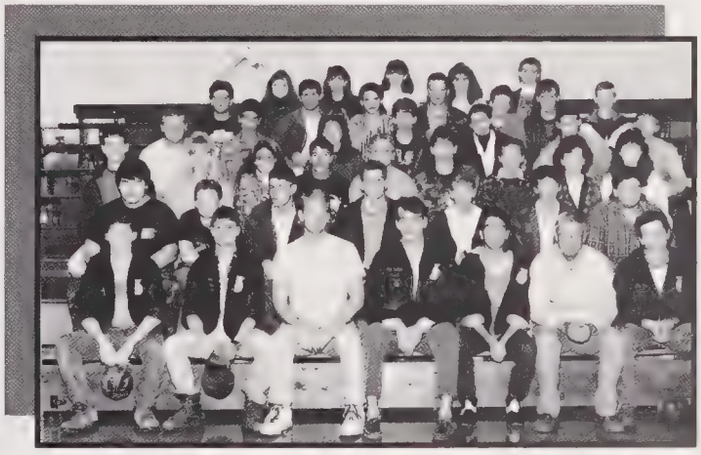
Welding was the only course offered through the dual enrollment program for 1990-91 students. Those taking the class reported to Blue Ridge Community College for the first two hours of the school day. Then they reported back to West Henderson to go to third period and complete the remainder of the school day.

The initial reactions to the program were very positive. Senior **Mike Crisp** said, "It is a different experience from high school. And I really wanted to take welding because it wasn't offered here at West Henderson. I might like to pursue a career in welding."

At BRCC the welding class was a three-hour course, but West Henderson students were only able to attend for two hours. However, the participants needed only to return to BRCC for one more quarter to receive certification as welders.

Students were first informed of the dual enrollment program through vocational courses they were already taking at West Henderson. Interested students were asked to apply and to obtain teacher recommendations. "We planned only to take a few students from each high school in the county. Luckily, everyone that applied from here was accepted," Berkley said.

Due to the success the welding program experienced, other courses, such as auto body repair, mechanics, and engineering, were being considered for dual enrollment programs in the future.



▪ **FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA.** FRONT ROW: Randy Peace–reporter, Alan Tate–president, Chad Greene–vice president, Matthew Watkins–sentinel, Steve Cook–secretary, Joe Laughter–sponsor, Tim Cox–treasurer SECOND ROW: Mark Jones, Aaron Hensley, Sheldon Hipps, Jamie Frady, George Bradley, Robert Bartlet, Patrick McCall THIRD ROW: Michael Hensley, Stacey McCall, Angie Hyder, Jimmy Parton, Kelly Jenkins, Troy Ours, Ronnie Nesbitt, Julie Cox, Pamela Goode FOURTH ROW: Shannon Calton, Jason Bagwell, Patricia Owen, David Stewart, Douglas Yarborough, Josh Holbert, Burnis Souther FIFTH ROW: Keith Allison, Kevin Rice, Shane Hoots, Chad Cabe, Robert Pettibone, Dusty Wilkie, Barry Wilkie BACK ROW: Tracy Lindsay, Debby Kilby, Becky Bishop, Lynn Baldwin

WORKING WITH CHILDREN GIVES CHILD CARE STUDENTS ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE

Child Care has been a vocational program at West Henderson for 12 years. The program has several benefits. "The high school students learn how to completely run a child care center. This ranges from lesson planning, preparing materials, planning units, storytelling, preparing snacks, and handling discipline to bandaging knees. The children receive from the high school students experiences that promote intellectual, physical, social, and emotional growth," **Connie Wright**, child care assistant, said.

The preschool and high school students work together. "We get along just as well as a teacher and a child in a regular day care. They look up to us. We walk into the room, and they say our names," senior **Kim Atkinson** said.

"This program enables high school students to become child care assistants. I schedule days throughout the year when the parents can come in anytime that the child care students are here and record anything a particular child does," **Joan Patrick,** director of the child care program, said.

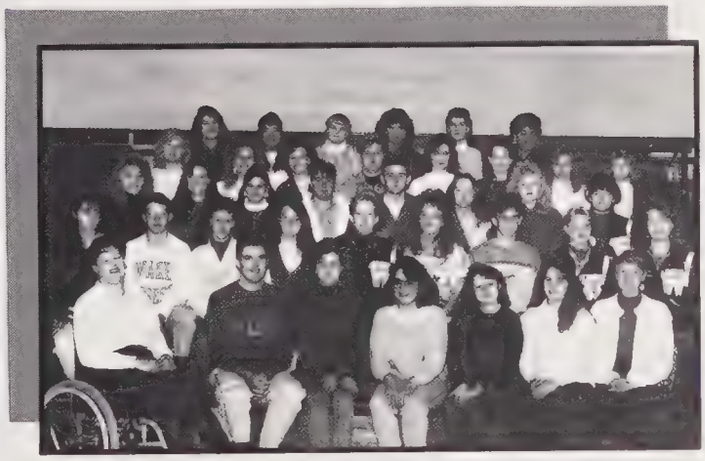
▪ **Look at me**. One of the children in the Child Care program points to a poster on the wall. These posters were used to decorate the classroom.

▪ **Smooth move.** A senior child care student, Julie Cox, teaches dance to the preschoolers in the child care program.

▪ **Doing chores.** Seniors Chad Murphy and Betsy Barnett make up a patient's bed at Pardee Hospital. Health occupations students went to the hospital for clinical experience during first and second periods.

▪ **FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA**. FRONT ROW: Diane Andrade-sponsor, Michelle Sisk, Stacey McCall, Lori Rice, Joann Crane, Tanya Wilson SECOND ROW: Laura Holweg, Donna Smith, Shelly Wilson, Gina Nesbitt, Margie Pepin, Valorie Goldsmith, Tracy Page THIRD ROW: Yvette Harrelson, Jeanette Bell, Michelle Ammons, Mike Pryor, Sonya Bolton, Kim Hazel BACK ROW: Sonya Fischel, Tim McManus, Missy Case, Christi Thomas

▪ **HOME ECONOMICS RELATED OCCUPATIONS**. FRONT ROW: Sheila Mellard, Jennifer Tuttle, Monica Franklin, Kerri Poppleton, Melinda Dellinger SECOND ROW: Rhonda Harris, Tammy Southerland, Tammy Hitch, Kimberly Atkinson THIRD ROW: Traci Smith, Sonja Fischel, Stephanie Garrity, Beverly Kuykendall, Jeanette Cantrell BACK ROW: Pam Goode, Sarah McCaslin, Jody Mills, Cynthia Barber, Erin Riddle, Lisa Shaw



▪ **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA**. FRONT ROW: Jennifer Keefe, Kevin Parries, Becky Ham, Kelly McLemore, Angel Dalton, Pam Miller, Becky Varnadore-sponsor SECOND ROW: Karla Stevens, Chad Murphy, Stacy Thomas, Virginia Moore, Heidi Schermerhorn, Christina Planck, David Moore, Hollie Corn, Becky Sams THIRD ROW: Wendi Francis, Alisa Powell, Julie Etherton, Emily Gore, Peter Krzywicki, Charlene McElroy, Brenda DuBrock, Jana Sizemore FOURTH ROW: Dawn Walrath, Crystal Huggins, Monica Frankum, April Hensley, April McCall, Wendy Barton, April Drown, Shelley Cox BACK ROW: Lorraine Reptsis, Keika Tshikawa, Heather Hoffman, Tana Rector, Tara Venn, Tiffany Smith

How does band contribute to the school?

"It provides a great place to learn responsibility and gives you a greater incentive to be more involved."

Brad Greene

"I believe band contributes to the school spirit. The band itself is a very spirited organization. We try hard to boost the spirit of the athletes and the students of our school."

Bridget Tillman

BAND RECEIVES ANOTHER SUPERIOR TO MAKE IT

TWO IN A ROW

One wasn't enough for the West Henderson Flying Falcon Marching Band. For the second consecutive year, the band received a superior rating in competition. "The fact that we made superiors two years in a row shows that we knew what we wanted and worked hard to get it," junior **Roxanne Ellis** said.

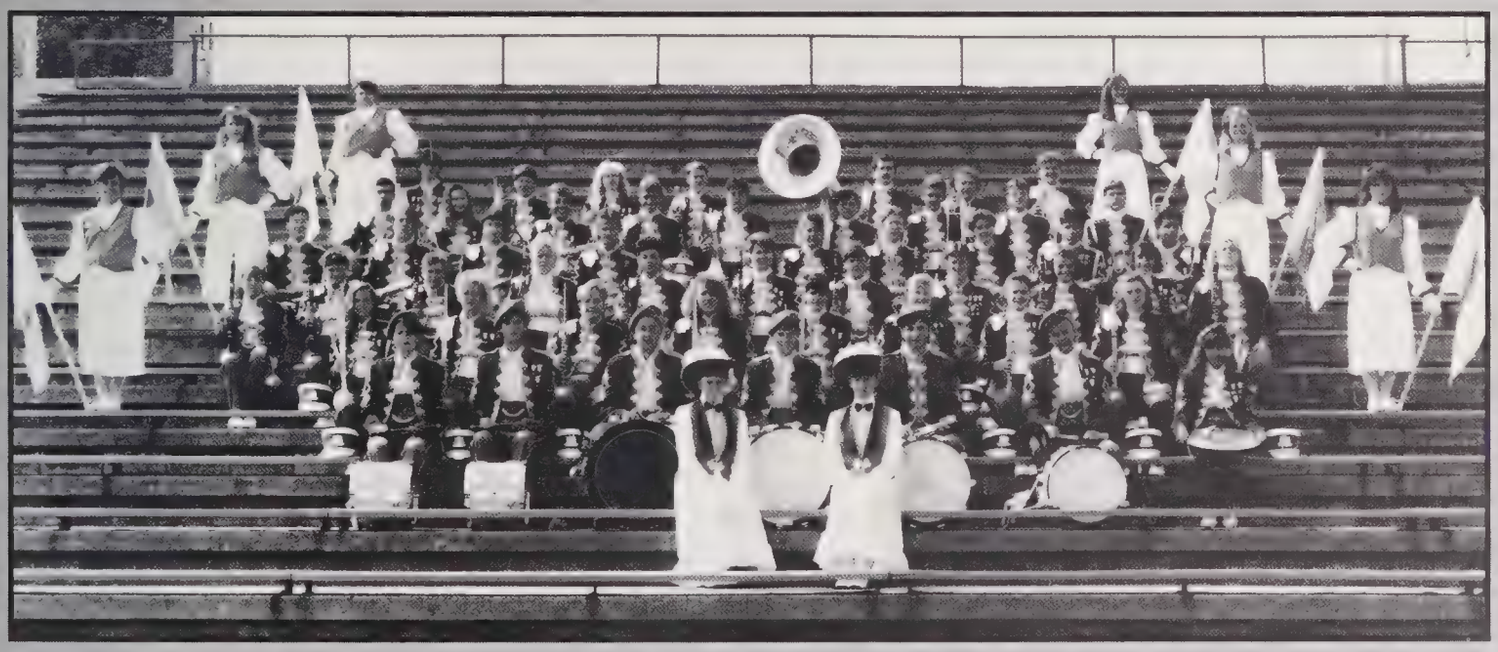
One was also not enough when it came to field leadership. The band was led by twin drum majors **Stacy** and **Tracy Thomas**. "It was nice because we work so close together. When Tracy isn't here I feel like a part of me is missing; it gets really lonely by myself. She is my strong point, and I am hers," senior Stacy Thomas said.

A superior rating required the band to achieve a score of 95 or better. All sections of the band had to score the required number of points. "We stuck together through the hard practices, which made us work harder for a superior rating," sophomore **Jeff Hill** said.

In the fall the band competed in two marching competitions, at Swain High School and at Smoky Mountain High School. At the Swain competition Oct. 13 the band missed a superior rating by .5 of a point. "I would rather us lose by 10 points than .5 of a point because you know what to improve," **John Dickson,** band director, said. The band members worked to improve their performance and correct mistakes identified by the judges, and on Oct. 27 they scored a 96.7 at the Smoky Mountain competition. "I think we needed a lot of cooperation to get it; we set a goal, we fought for it, and we reached it," senior **Ken Sitton** said.

▪ **Strut your stuff.** During halftime the band presents its routine to the crowd. This was one of the routines that won the band a superior.

▪ **Two of a kind.** Drum majors Stacy and Tracy Thomas watch as John Dickson directs the band. The drum majors were twin sisters.



▪ **BAND.** FRONT ROW: Tracy Thomas, Stacy Thomas SECOND ROW: Ashley Morse, Chris Zink, Lance Caraker, Marc Bentley, Marty McCall, Brian Cattrell, Lisa Enders THIRD ROW: Jennifer Stewart, Shannon Stover, Stacie Ussery, Beverly Kuykendall, Kathi Rutter, Erin Riddle, Charity Estes, Marianne Gore, Vicki Atkins, Robin Parker FOURTH ROW: Mandy Moore, Joan Turpin, Shelia Mellard, Brenda DuBrock, Michelle Sisk, Becky Sams, Sarah Gasperson, Aaron Bullard, Bridget Tillman, Stacey Rose, Heather Fisher FIFTH ROW: Adrianna Bock, Bernie Grauer, Brad Greene, Keith Swackhamer, Richard Riggs, Audrey Galloway, Andy Allen, Kim Reese, Louie Noa, David McCrary, Summer Huntley SIXTH ROW: Aaron Spratt, Jennifer Brown, Steve Nemec, Scott Wischow, Emily Gore, Taylor Fowler, Ken Sitton, Jerome Wilkie, Jason Hill BACK ROW: Jana Sizemore, John Guylas, Jeff Hill, Hollie Corn, Keith Jensen, Michael Williams, Aleesa Thomas, Amy Oxendine, Crystal Brevard

CHORUS MEMBERS EXPRESS THEIR PATRIOTISM THROUGH SONG

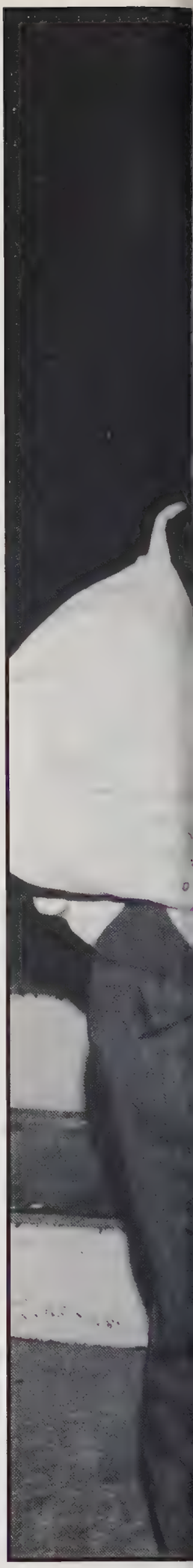
The West Henderson advanced chorus performed several concerts during the year, even when there were challenges. There were also accomplishments. A challenge that was presented to the chorus was overcoming a small tenor section. There were only three tenors — Odell Suber, Jeremy Waldrup, and David Whiteside. "The three tenors are strong, but they are hard to hear over all the girls and the bass section," teacher/director **John Dickson** said. Two of the tenors, Suber, a junior, and Waldrup, a sophomore, made all-state chorus. Senior Heather Hoffman, an alto, also made all-state.

One of the advanced chorus concerts was performed at Christmas when the group performed for the students in an assembly. They also went to several nursing homes to perform. "The 1990-91 chorus is reaching more. We're going to rest homes now, and even getting to sing in front of the student body. We may even begin to go to elementary schools," junior **Keri Pressley** said.

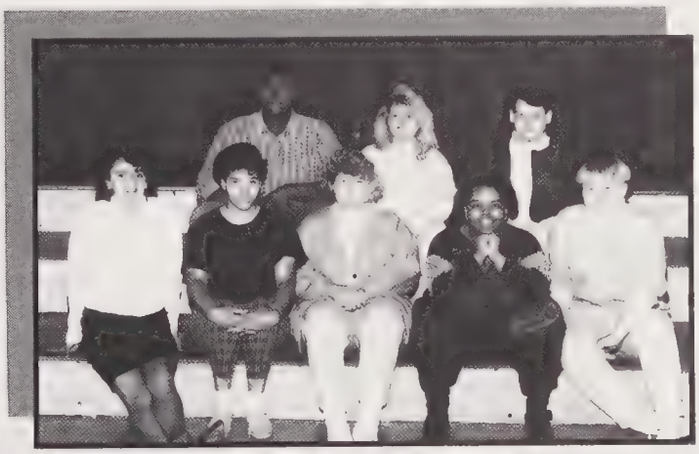
One particular concert that was planned by the chorus was a special patriotic concert. The purpose of this concert was to show support for the men and women involved in Operation Desert Storm and to provide some entertainment that showed student support for the American military. The actual concert was videotaped and sent to former West Henderson students who were involved with the military in the overseas conflict. "Since the group likes the idea, it will be better than if I just made them do the concert," **John Dickson** said.

▪ **Lecture notes.** John Dickson tells his class of the future concerts they have to prepare for. Dickson taught both advanced chorus and chorus ensemble.

▪ **Gather around.** Junior Odell Suber and senior Richard Stinger, along with other chorus members, gather around the piano. Chorus members practiced during their class for concerts they performed.



▪ **ADVANCED CHORUS**. FRONT ROW: Jennifer Keefe SECOND ROW: Stacy Thomas, Adrianna Bock, Tracy Thomas, David Whiteside, Summer Huntley, Robin Parker, Pam Miller, Sonya Melton THIRD ROW: Susie Gonce, April Lynch, Keri Pressley, Lorraine Reptsis, Danny Martone, Kim Hazel, Amy Murphy, Christina Planck, Ginger Gray FOURTH ROW: Amy Thompson, Janie Lee Love, Tana Rector, Jeremy Waldrup, Odell Suber, Wendy Parker, Monica Byrd, Tiffany Smith, Jennifer Brown, Pheadra Cowart, Heather Hoffman, Kelly McLemore BACK ROW: Jennifer Rumbough, Jody Foyles, Brian Kisner, Scott Lyda, Wes Thomas, Richard Stinger, Jason Hill, Melissa Metcalf



▪ **ADVANCED CHORUS ENSEMBLE.** FRONT ROW: Keri Pressley, April Lynch, Amy Murphy, Kim Hazel, Heather Hoffman BACK ROW: Odell Suber, Monica Byrd, Jeremy Waldrup

▪ **Voice box.** Chorus members Christina Plank and Tana Rector, both seniors, do a voice exercise. These exercises helped the students prepare for their class.

Is it hard to adjust to a new teacher?

"Yes, it is especially hard when you're dealing with a subject as personal as music. At the beginning, we all had some problems, but now we all function as a group."

Alison Gooding

"Yes, but it is more than just adjusting to a new teacher; it is the memories of the old one. Mrs. Drew was more than just a teacher; she was a friend. Most of the people in the orchestra knew her since the fifth grade."

Adam Gilreath

▪ **Violin I:** Alison Gooding, Adam Gilreath, Monica Byrd, Betsy Wood, Chris Galloway, Shelley Summey, Jeff Landers **Violin II:** Laurie Bailey, Tabatha Corthell, Annette Hiatt, Emilie Lott, Sherry Maxwell, Kim Camp **Violoncello**: Amy Hatmaker, Jennifer Flynn, Becki Ellington **Contrabass**: Wesley Thomas, Melissa Saurborn, Web Corthell, Robert Hudson-director

▪ **Jazz Band:** FRONT ROW: Jerome Wilkie, Stephen Wells, Laura Letterman, Joan Turpin SECOND ROW: Jeff Hill, Keith Swackhamer, Steve Nemec, Garth Melton, Jennifer Stewart, Tim Foti BACK ROW: Amy Oxendine, Jana Sizemore, Aleesa Thomas, Michael Williams, Hollie Corn

GAYLE DREW SCHOLARSHIP WILL BENEFIT FUTURE ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

The members of the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra established a strings education scholarship fund in 1990. The scholarship fund was formed to honor Gayle Drew, West Henderson's strings teacher who died June 14, 1990. Sophomore **Jeff Landers** said, "I think this scholarship is great; Mrs. Drew would be both honored and pleased that this is in her honor."

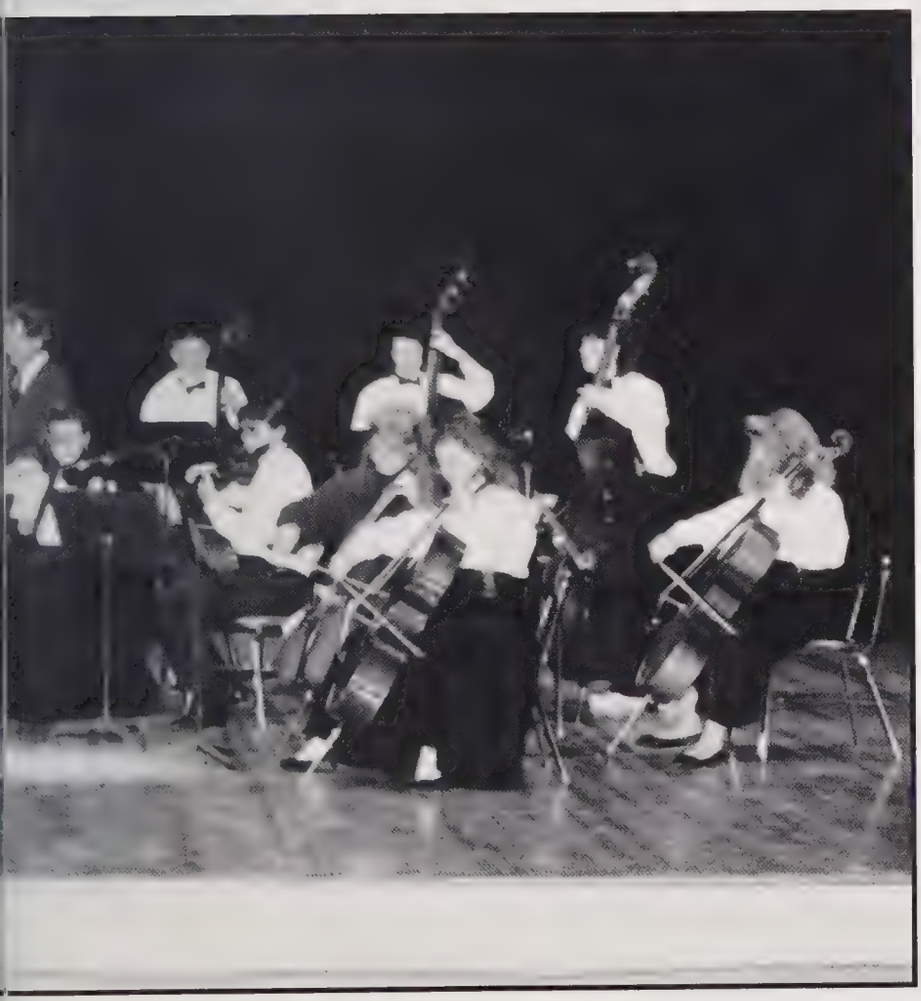
Drew was on the board of directors of the orchestra and also taught in the strings education program of the Henderson County Schools.

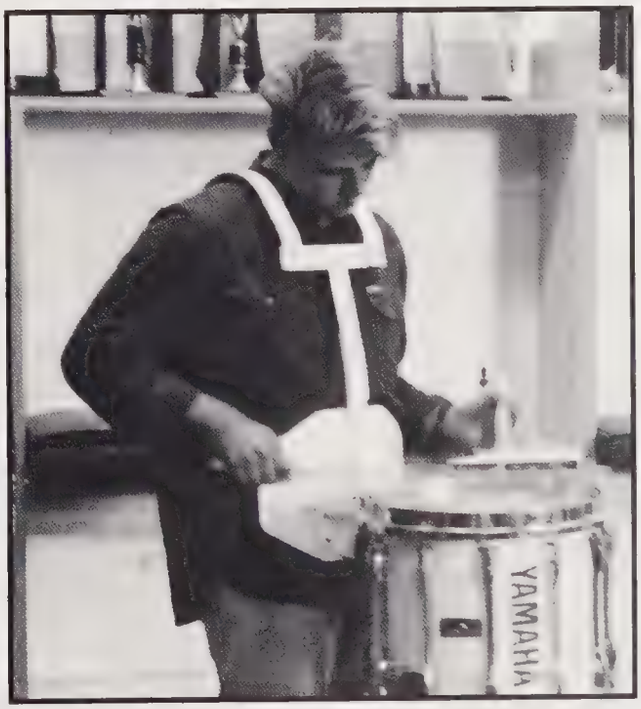
Drew began her musical studies in Richmond, Va. While still in high school, she performed with the Roanoke and Norfolk symphony orchestras. She also received her B.S. and M.A. degrees in her major of music education at the University of Miami, Fla. Twenty years later, she played with the Miami Opera Guild Orchestra, the West Palm Beach Opera Orchestra, and the Fort Lauderdale Symphony.

The Gayle Drew Scholarship Fund will be used to aid students in the strings program to rent instruments and attend the summer strings camp. Junior **Shelley Summey** said, "I think that it is really nice. I'm glad she will be remembered in this way."

Robert Hudson was the strings teacher who replaced Drew. He attend the University of Montevallo in Alabama. Outside of his teaching, he conducted a community orchestra in Asheville. "He's really dedicated to what he does. He also believes in what he teaches," junior **Web Corthell** said.

▪ **Hey, diddle diddle.** Sophomore Sherry Maxwell practices playing her violin. There were several others who were also in the violin section.





▪ **Little drummer boy.** During jazz band, senior Stephen Wells warms up with some drum exercises. Jazz band was a separate class from band, and the students were selected to participate.

▪ **Symphony.** Robert Hudson, the orchestra teacher, conducts his fourth period orchestra class. This was Hudson's first year at West Henderson.

Quality times

The rapidly growing West Henderson community offered a wide variety of organizations, businesses, and events to keep students busy and involved. Students helped improve their community through service organizations at school and church. West Henderson's music, drama, and dance groups provided entertainment for the community. And a few students chose to help by participating in countywide groups such as the Teen Center board of directors and the teenage pregnancy prevention advisory board. Many West Henderson students contributed to the local economy by working in restaurants, stores, and offices. A new student activism became evident throughout the community, especially at election time, as the Falcons joined in to make the area a better place to live.

ONE in a million

▪ **Local history.** The West Henderson community, along with volunteers from all of Henderson County, began turning the Johnson Farm on Highway 191 into an educational heritage center to benefit the students of the county. The house of the late Vernon and Leander Johnson is an example of 19th-century architecture and construction, including the bricks which were handmade out of mud brought from the French Broad River. The Henderson County Education Foundation spearheaded the restoration efforts.

Restoring an Era Gone By

Much like a buried time capsule, the 110-year-old Johnson Farm off N.C. 191 possessed the antiquities of an era gone by. In early 1990, a concerned group of local residents decided to work to save some of Western North Carolina's heritage by making the homeplace a working educational center for students to come and get a taste of the "Old Days."

The original buildings were built by a Spartanburg tobacco planter by the name of Oliver Moss between 1872 and 1880. Moss hired workers to build the house which took nearly four years. Everything for the house was handmade on site right down to the bricks for the foundation, which were hand-pressed and fired from clay brought from the French Broad River. These original buildings consisted of the farmhouse, the smokehouse, and the granary.

After eight years of farming tobacco and other crops on the land, the markets began to decline so Moss sold the farm to a man by the name of Robert Liverett. Liverett farmed there until his death in 1913 when he turned the farm over to his son-in-law and daughter, Sallie Johnson. Sallie Johnson and her two sons, Vernon and Leander, started a boarding house shortly after the death of her husband also in 1913. She and her two sons took in tourists from the Deep South who were escaping the summer heat to the mountains. They kept it up until 1958, for 44 summers until Sallie Johnson's death. At the peak of the business in the 1920's, the brothers built the two-story, eleven-bedroom boarding house, a larger barn to keep the horses and livestock, a storage shed, and a combination cottage/wood shop, where Vernon lived and worked.

When Vernon died in 1978 and Leander in 1987, their farm was left to the Henderson County Board of Education. Earlier, they had donated the property for Rugby Junior High School. The Henderson County Education Foundation was trying to raise almost $300,000 to turn the Johnson Farm into an educational center for the students of WNC.

In 1987 the homesite and the surrounding buildings were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Johnson brothers devoted much of their own lives to the betterment of education in the area; their farm, if restored, would be a dream could true.

▪ **What it was like.** Former Henderson County Schools Superintendent Glenn Marlow participates in a reenactment for a presentation on the Johnson Farm. The presentation was used to get financial support to restore the farm.

▪ **An inside look.** The interior of the Johnson brothers' house shows the variety of materials used in building the house in the 1800s. The woods used in the house included native chestnut, oak, hickory, and pine.

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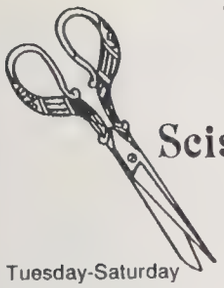

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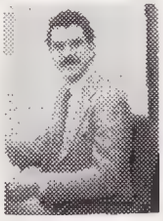

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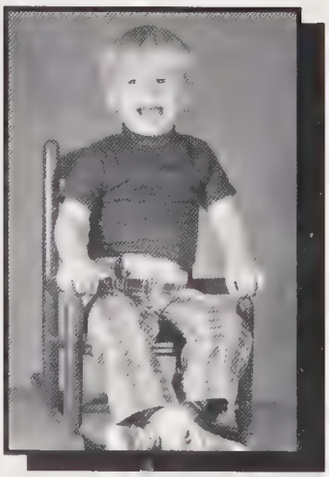

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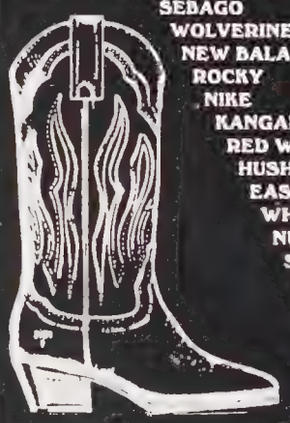

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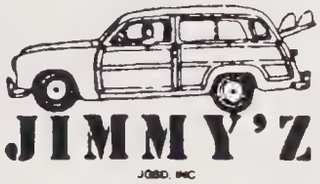

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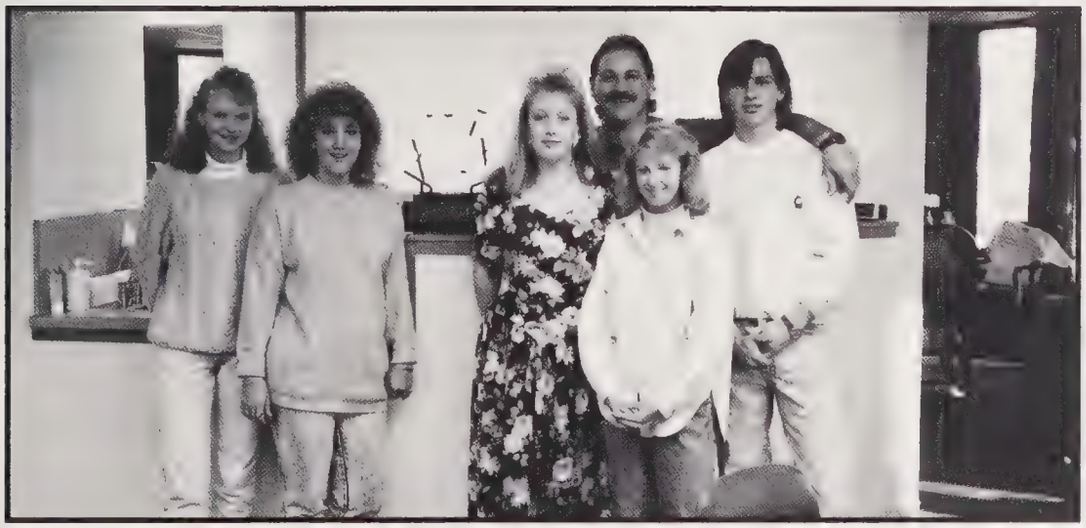

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- Amy Knox, conference, regional, state champion

Wingspan Student Newspaper
- Best Overall, NCSPA
- National recognition of excellence

Soccer Team
- Second in MAC
- Kyon Yim, all conference, all region
- Deryll Saxon, all conference
- Brad Welch, all conference

Westwind Yearbook
- Best Overall, NCSPA
- First Class, NSPA

Volleyball Team
- Undefeated season, 25-0
- State champions, 1989 and 1990
- Josie Youngblood, all conference, state MVP, 1989 and 1990
- Claudia Fann, all conference
- Kelley Marlowe, all conference
- Kelly Redick, all conference
- Tara Venn, all conference

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- All-State Chorus: Odell Suber, Heather Hoffman, and Jeremy Waldrop.

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"We don't have anything to do on the weekends" has long been the complaint of area teenagers, but in 1990 an attempt was made to solve the problem. During the summer a group of community-involved young people teamed up with the Henderson County Recreation Department to work toward a solution to the problem.

The idea of organizing a teen center came about and work began. The students did a lot of the work themselves painting, raising funds, and cleaning for the center, which was located in a vacant building on Spartanburg Highway in Hendersonville. The theme of the center became that of aviation and the name The Hangar was appropriately given to the center. The theme and the name originated from ideas submitted by area youth in a contest which also helped students get involved in the creation of their center.

After all of the preparations, the center opened shortly after the school year began, and the organizers were very pleased with the initial turnout. The Hangar promoted a strictly drug- and alcohol-free environment where students could get together and have a good time. The Hangar offered many forms of entertainment for young people, including video games, dancing, music, contests, and a snack bar.

The Hangar catered to teenagers ages 13 to 19 each Friday and Saturday night. Teens were welcome from the hours of 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. as long as they agreed to follow the rules of the center. The center increased in popularity and surpassed what organizers had expected initially.

"I think the crowd has been better than a lot of people expected. I know a lot of adults didn't expect this thing to go over," **Sherri Holbert**, recreation specialist with the county recreation department, said.

▪ **Check it out.** The approximately 8,000 square foot Hangar is loaded with fun and excitement for youth from the ages of 13 to 19. Junior Christy Dowling enters the building to see what it has to offer.

▪ **Signing in.** An area teenager signs his name to the roster at The Hangar on a Friday night. It was the policy of the Hangar to have a listing of anyone who attended that night.

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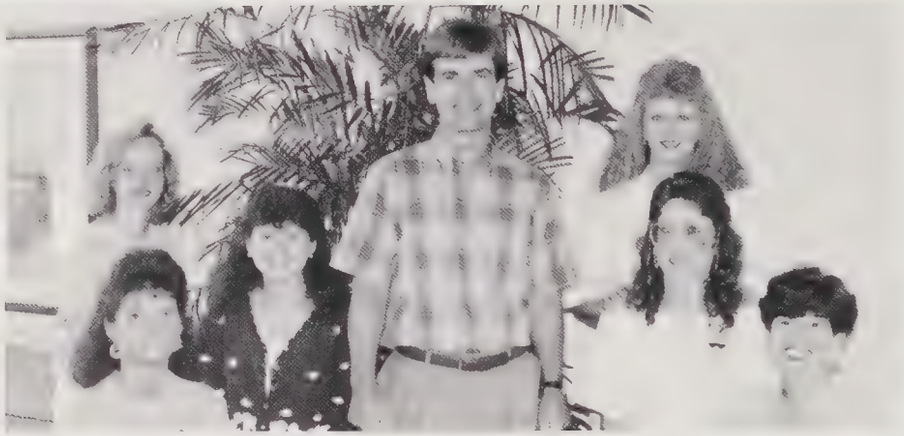

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▪ **Get Dave.** The senior girls on the 1991 *Westwind* staff, Jana Gardner, Cherise Medley, April Woody, Kelley Marlowe, and Wendy Parker, often gang up on their one male colleague, David Waechter. Most of the seniors had worked on the *Westwind* staff for three years.

Making it "one of those years"

Dear Friends,

As seniors in our final year on the *Westwind* staff, we have tried to produce a publication we could give to the student body and feel proud of our accomplishment. This book was designed to show the unique qualities of our school. We hope that you enjoy the book as much as we have enjoyed creating it and that you find it filled with good memories.

We would sincerely like to thank the faculty members who excused us to work on deadlines and forgave us when our minds were preoccupied. Special thanks go to Susan Ray, editor in chief of the *Wingspan*, for all the help she gave us putting pages on the computer.

There were good times and bad times during our senior year, and we believe our theme, "It's been one of those years," captures it well. We wish everyone the best in the future.

Kelley Marlowe Wendy Parker Jana Gardner
April Woody G. David Waechter Cherise Medley

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It was a

YEAR

for war

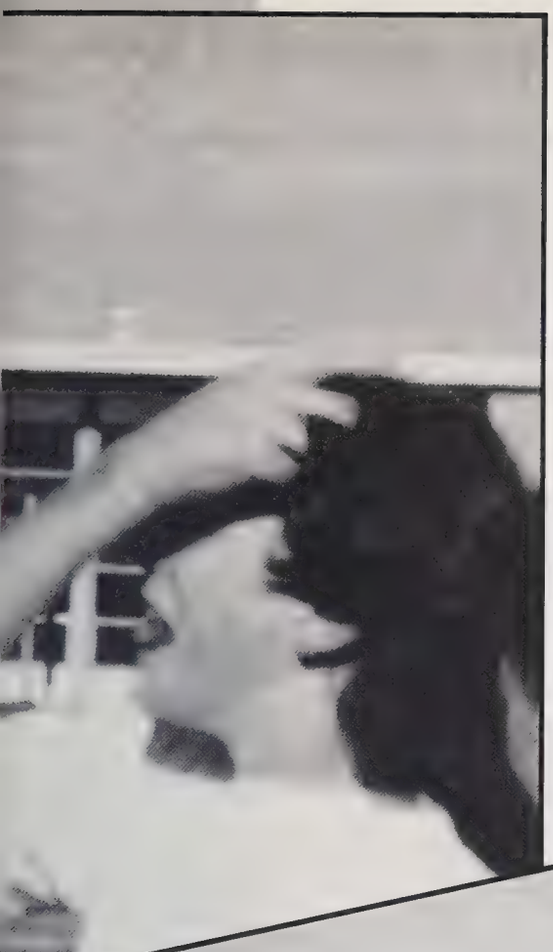
War dominated everything in a year that turned out to truly be "one of those years." Students watched in horror as Operation Desert Shield turned into Operation Desert Storm and America was at war for the first time in almost 20 years. Worries about loved ones stationed in the Persian Gulf as well as the possibility of a return to the draft occupied the minds of students. Televisions and radios kept close by brought the latest developments in the war.

• **Storm watch.** When the Unit
States began military operations agai
Iraq in January, the television in t
library office became a popular
traction. Heather Hoffman, Bren
Allison, library assistant, Sheldon Hip
and Lisa Shaw tune in during lunch
catch up on the latest developmen

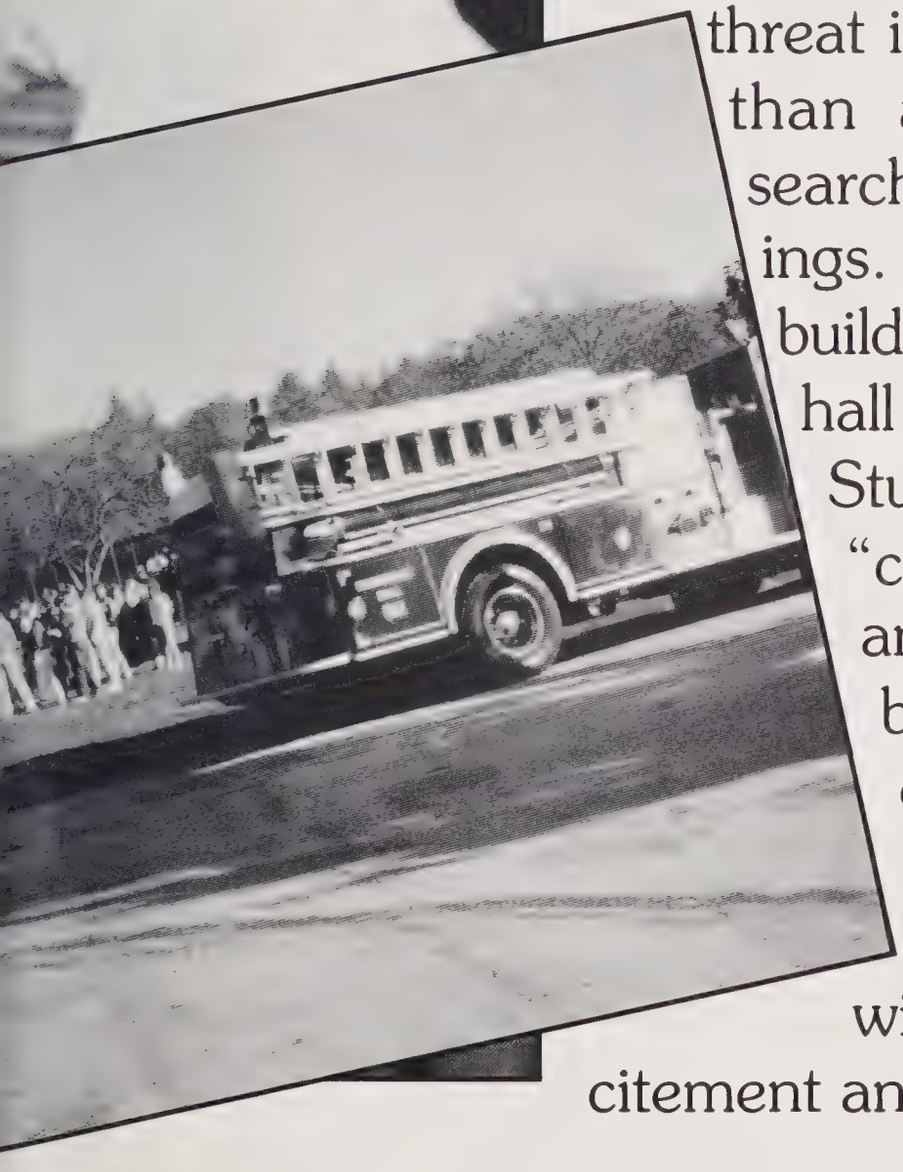
• **All aboard.** When thousands of American soldiers, including more than 20 former West Henderson students, go to Saudi Arabia, the war hits home. For the first time in their lives, students found out what life is like when America is at war. Operation Desert Storm began at 7 p.m. Jan. 16, 1991.

■ **Get it here.** Biology teacher Joe Bailey hawks candy bars left over from the schoolwide candy sale during the bomb threat. Senior Tim Foti, junior Squig Morrison, and other students take the opportunity to buy some.

■ **Bomb scare.** Students wait outside the buildings on a chilly November morning while fire department personnel and law enforcement agents with dogs search the buildings and lockers for a possible bomb.



It was a YEAR for memories



Pranks, false alarms, and unexpected surprises made typical school days at West Henderson more memorable. On Nov. 15 a bomb threat interrupted class for more than an hour while officials searched the lockers and buildings. A burst water pipe in Z-building in February flooded the hall and several classrooms. Student pranks such as the "cow" left on the gym roof and trash cans hung in trees brought some laughter to otherwise normal days. And a much-discussed scavenger hunt ended with some unplanned excitement and consequences.

▪ **Job well done.** Two members of West Henderson's state champion volleyball team, seniors Kelly Redick and Josie Youngblood, celebrate the team spirit and support that carried them to victory in the championship game in Chapel Hill.

#1 Year

The anxieties of war, community events, and the beginning of construction and renovation work at West Henderson could not keep the Falcons from a year filled with successes. From two state championships to numerous other team and individual accomplishments, it really was "one of those years."

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